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Bob Laflamme, W1SQ shown with his one-quarter scale model, radio-controlled, Royal Aircraft Factory SE5a "Scout" from World War I.

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## *Celebrating 400 Years of Maine Shipbuilding*



*The Pine Tree Chapter, No. 134, Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.  
presents this certificate to*

*who has submitted proof of contacts with ten Maine amateur radio stations between  
August 2007 and August 2008.*

*Certified on \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_, Awards Chair*

*Painting by Ken Hendrickson of the pinnace Virginia, the first ship built by English settlers in North America, built by Popham colonists, during their 1607-08 sojourn at the present-day site of Phippsburg ME. She made several trans-Atlantic voyages, including serving as a Jamestown supply ship in 1609. Maine's First Ship, www.mainesfirstship.org, Phippsburg ME 04562, is committed to reconstructing a full-size version of the pinnace.*

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It is a little known fact of history that 400 years ago, landing on August 13, 1607, an English colony was established in Maine at the present day site of Phippsburg. What was remarkable about the colony was that during the winter of 1607-1608 the colonists built the pinnace *Virginia*. It was the first ocean-going ship constructed by English settlers in North America, and Mainers regard it as the beginning of the Maine shipbuilding tradition. It is worth noting that the tradition continues even to the present day; Bath Iron Works is located a mere 8 miles up the Kennebec River from the original Popham colony site.

The Pine Tree Chapter 134 of QCWA is celebrating the event by offering a letter-size certificate to all licensed radio amateurs for confirmed contacts made on amateur radio bands during the Anniversary period. It is available to all amateurs satisfying the following requirements:

1. The award will be issued for confirmed two-way contacts with 10 different stations in Maine.
2. Contacts must be made between 0000Z 1 August 2007 and 2359Z 31 August 2008. Contacts made with N1P, between 1601Z 17 August 2007 and 2359Z 19 August 2007, and during the New England QSO Party, 3-4 May 2008, are eligible to be used for the award.
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5. Fee: One IRC or US\$2.00, check, cash, or money order. No credit cards or stamps.
6. Applications for the award will be accepted until 1 July 2009 at:

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**This month's cover:** The pilot, Bob Laflamme, W1SQ. The plane, a one-quarter scale Royal Aircraft Factory SE5a "Scout" from World War I. The plane has an 80-inch wingspan and is powered by an engine similar to one found in a chain saw. The SE5a was a formidable gun platform and well liked by the pilots. The one-seat aircraft were called "Scouts" and while the Royal Air Force was strict with personal markings, some considerations were given to leading pilots who became national heroes. Bob's early high-school interest in ham radio was reactivated after joining a radio-controlled model airplane group. He found many other fliers were hams. Bob studied and passed his Technician license in the spring of 2006; passing the Extra exam at the Boxboro, MA hamfest in August. Bob is a member of the "Dawn Patrol", a group who fly large-scale WWI models in the early mornings. Photo courtesy of Robert Boulais, Dawn Patrol Contest Director. Inset photo: The one-quarter-scale Fokker D.VII. Visit the club's website: [www.ncrc.org](http://www.ncrc.org)

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1996 - 1998

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**Croft Taylor, VE3CT**

2002 - 2004

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1976 - 1991

**Jim Walsh, W7LVN (SK)**

1991 - 2003

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## **FALL 2007**

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Our annual QCWA National Convention will take place October 4-7th in beautiful Denver, CO. There will be lots of great fellowship with friends new and old. Our Colorado Chapter No. 58 has planned a full slate of outstanding entertainment, presentations, seminars, tours and activities for our enjoyment. On Thursday, October 4, your Board of Directors will be meeting to review all of its accomplishments over the past year and to consider new issues. We look forward to hosting the general membership meeting on Saturday October 6th to report our activities to you and answer your questions.

### **DAYTON**

Our QCWA Banner was once again flying high at the Dayton Hamvention, my 51st year there. It was a busy three days at our booth where we were pleased to meet and greet so many QCWA members from around the World. Our Southwest Ohio Chapter No. 9 hosted another excellent banquet. The special program featured long-time League Official Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, who delighted the attendees with a highly interesting presentation on the behind-the-scene TV network production of the Superbowl.

### **ROCHESTER**

In June, it was off to Rochester, NY, to fly our banner with Jim Mozley, W2BCH, from our Finger Lakes Chapter No. 29; Bill Thompson, W2MTA, from our Central New York Chapter No. 28; and Ken, W8EK, and Sue, N8AJU, Simpson from our Suwannee (Ocala, FL) Chapter No. 62. It was also a pleasure to give my presentation "The Rules Say..." and discuss the rules with a very knowledgeable audience.

### **ACTIVITIES**

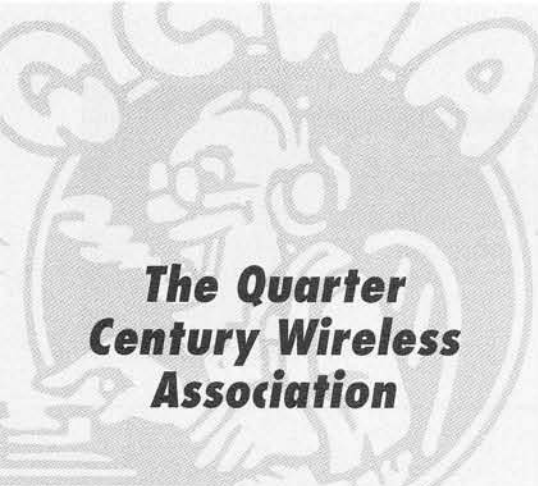
Our QCWA Banner was flying proudly at two hamfests in Maryland, and our Del-Mar-Va Chapter #150 entertained my "All About Our QCWA" presentation at the great picnic at Dick Drevo's, W3GNQ, QTH in Lewes, DE. The Antietam Radio Association Hamfest also featured this same presentation.

### **MANY THANKS**

My deepest thanks go to everyone who sent me a get well e-mail or postal greeting last Spring. It was greatly appreciated and helped immensely to aid a speedy recovery. From the sounds of it, we may have the makings of a QCWA Zipper Chapter!

Let's keep our QCWA Banner flying!

**DE W3BE**



## The Quarter Century Wireless Association

**The Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.** was founded December 5, 1947, as a non-commercial association of radio amateurs organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation, for the establishment and advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare.

QCWA is an incorporated association without capital stock chartered under the laws of the State of New York, and is a tax exempt 501(C)3 organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Its affairs are governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Directors, whose voting members are elected every two years by the general membership.

In order to qualify for membership in QCWA one must have demonstrable proof of having been first licensed as an Amateur Radio operator at least 25 years prior to application for membership and must be currently licensed. Membership inquiries and general correspondence should be addressed to the business office at P.O. Box 3247, Framingham, MA 01705-3247 U.S.A. Telephone: 508-405-1930 FAX: 508-405-1965



### Report of the Nominating Committee for the 2008 Election

According to our Constitution and Bylaws, the QCWA President is required to appoint a biannual Nominating Committee in order to seek out qualified candidates for Officers and members of the Board of Directors. QCWA President John Johnston, W3BE, made those appointments in 2006, with a reminder that a report of the Nominating Committee was due in the hands of the General Manager as of June 15, 2007. The QCWA members appointed to the Nominating Committee consisted of: Alan Pickering, KJ9N, former National Secretary as Chair; Croft Taylor, VE3CT, former National President; and Harold Chase, W1EES, former longtime Board Member and Chair of the Chapter Relations Committee.

The Nominating Committee wishes to report that it has completed its assignment as of June 1, 2007, and hereby submits the following names to the General Manager (all have agreed to serve if elected) for follow-up biographical data and management of the election process:

#### For Board Officers:

For President: Mr. Len Nathanson, W8RC  
For Vice-President: Mr. Ken Oelke, VE6AFO  
For Secretary: Mr. Walt Supina, N3WS  
For Treasurer: Mr. Frank Harris, WA4PAM

#### For the Board of Directors (eight to be elected) (listed in alphabetical order)

Mr. Leroy "Baldy" Baldwin, W0OFY  
Mr. Val Erwin, W5PUT  
Ms. Carolyn Harrison, WB0OUM  
Mr. Tony Hirsch, W8RSH  
Mr. Pierre Manville, VA3PM  
Mr. Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO  
Mr. William Pasternak, WA6ITF  
Ms. Joan Powell, VE3ZC  
Mr. Ken Simpson, W8EK  
Mr. Ernie "Skip" Swenson, WB6VVA  
Mr. Ed Yoder, W3YMB

Others may be nominated by a 25-member Petition for Office or Board membership. (Please contact the General Manager for timelines and details).

Respectively submitted, Messrs. Pickering (chair), Chase and Taylor

*NOTE: The following is from the By-laws, Article VI, Nominations and Elections, Section 4: "Nominations of Officers and Director candidates may be submitted by the membership by petition signed by at least 25 members in good standing. Such petitions shall be received by the General Manager by December 15th of the appropriate year. Upon receipt of such a petition, the General Manager shall, upon verifying the validity of the petition and the eligibility of the candidates, cause the names of the candidates to be placed on the ballot along with those submitted by the Nominating Committee. Publication of the list of all eligible candidates shall be made in the spring issue of The QCWA Journal."*



# GENERAL MANAGER'S Report

Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD



FALL 2007

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:** Lately, there have been questions about "Where is my membership number?" Since it is an element of the response needed for the "60-60 Award", let's look at the various locations where it is listed.

Start with your membership card. The top line reads as follows:

NO: XXXXX CH: XXX FL: XX.

"NO:" is your five digit membership number; "CH:" is your Chapter affiliation, if any; "FL:" is two digits for your year of first license.

**Dues renewal notice**, top line of the address reads as follows:

XXXXX MM/DD/YYYY XX

First five digits are your membership number; then month/day/year your membership expires; last are the two digits for your year of first-license. Life members don't receive the dues notice but your gold membership card has your name, call, membership number and year of first license.

Lastly, Your **address label** on the Journal, top line:

XXX XXXXX MM/DD/YYYY XX

In this case, your Chapter number is listed first (first three digits), your expiration date (or an "L" for Life Members), and your year of first license. Balance of the label contains your name and address. I hope this helps.

## **2007 CONVENTION:**

Just a reminder: the Denver Chapter has assembled a great set of programs and tours for the Convention on October. If you haven't yet made reservations, time is running out. See the details in the center of the Journal. Jan and I look forward to meeting many of our longtime members and, hopefully, several new ones at Denver.

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:**

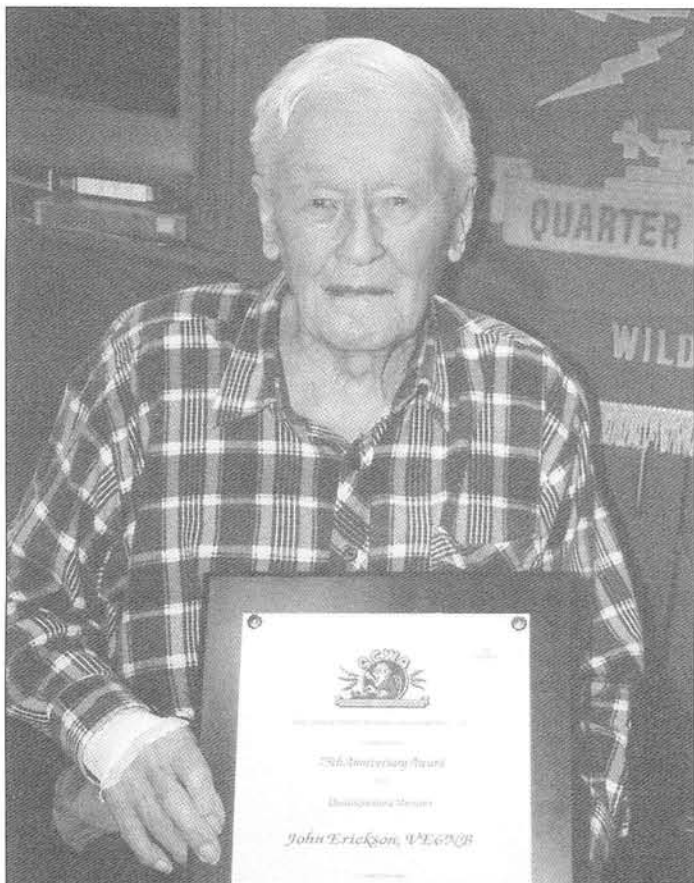
The Membership Directory for 2007 has been posted on the web page. A CD is available from Headquarters for \$10 ppd. The Directory lists active members as of June 30, 2007. In the past, the Directory included the names of students receiving the various QCWA Scholarships. That has been removed from the Directory and is now posted on the QCWA web page. Photos and a brief biography of each winner will be included in the winter issue of the Journal.

Have a great fall season and remember the QSO Party on September 15/16.

**73, Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD**

*General Manager*

## Celebrating two 75-Year Awards!



*John Erickson proudly displays his 75-Year Award! Congratulations from QCWA!*

### **John Erickson, VE6NB, Experiencing 75 Years!**

**A**nd so goes, another story about a person who has been licensed as an amateur radio operator for 75 years. What could be so different about this story than the others written in the past of our enterprising amateur radio pioneers? I would like to think John's story is one of particular interest to the many who read the QCWA Journal.

John's interest in radio actually began 84 years ago when in 1923 his father purchased a three tube Westinghouse broadcast receiver. Family and friends would gather around, taking turns listening through the headphones, radio stations located in Edmonton, Calgary, Pittsburgh, Denver, Salt Lake City, New York and Chicago, just to name a few.

In 1929 John married and moved to Killam, Alberta where he became good friends with the town doctor, Dr. Joe Dobry, VE4DR, who lived across the street. After a game of bridge one evening, the good doctor showed John his amateur radio station and demonstrated to John how you could communicate using Morse code. John soon become

very fascinated with amateur radio and with a great deal of determination, studying and help from the good doctor, John received his Certificate of Proficiency in amateur radio with call sign, VE4NB, and was soon on the air April 1, 1932. No – this was no April Fool's joke! As radio regulations and call sign designations changed – John then became VE5NB and finally VE6NB.

John's first station was all home built using a pair of 245 tubes in a push-pull TNT circuit for the transmitter. The receiver had a pair of 230 - battery-powered tubes and the antenna was a long-wire Zepp with open-wire feedline. Then the day came to fire up his rig and John made his first contact. With heart racing and blood pressure arising, John answered a CQ from VE4DC in Hardisty, Alberta, a town 35 miles away. This would be the first of thousands of contacts over the next 75 years!

John would go on to establish radio clubs and repeater sites, one being repeater VE6ROT. John is also a Charter Member of QCWA Wild Rose Chapter 151 that was formed on May 18, 1984. John is one of the two living Charter Members today. And as recent as four years ago, John became a Life Member of QCWA National! Talk about being an optimist. As you read this, John will be 98 years old! Though John is in a nursing home, this does not stop him from talking with his daughter Karen, VE6KDL, on 2 meters. We wish John many more years of amateur radio enjoyment. Oh, and one other thing – in John's own words, "I am a member of many radio clubs and organizations. Amateur radio is a wonderful hobby and through radio I have developed many long-lasting personal friendships." Isn't this what QCWA is all about? Most definitely!

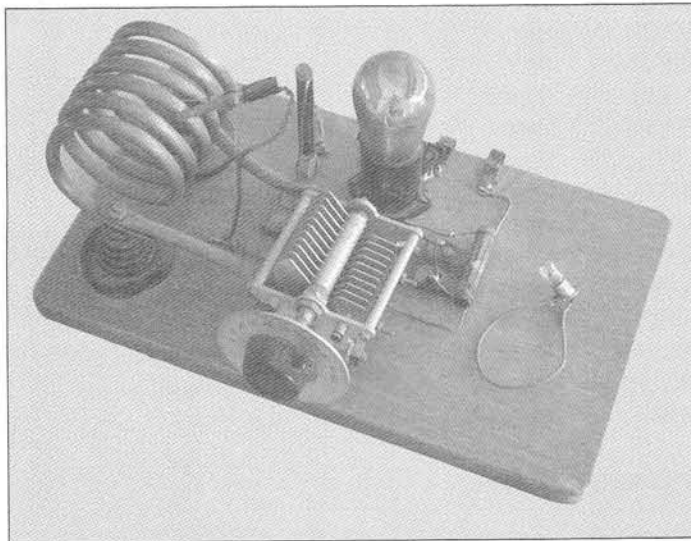
### **John Aiton, W6HAG, Receives his 75-Year Award!**

**A**bout 1928 my father had a music store in San Fernando, CA where he sold Crosley Electric Radios. He took in battery radios as part-payment and stored them in one of our chicken houses. Dad had a radio serviceman. All the bad parts and tubes went in a trash box. One of my friends from High School, Herbert Aiken, whose parents were very poor, and lived in a shack near the wash with no electricity, he sold newspapers for 3 cents each. Herb asked me if he could have those parts and tubes. I gave them to him. One day he asked me to come down to his house and showed me the radio he had built with the parts from our scrap box. It was powered with batteries made with fruit jars using acid and electrodes from the High School Chemistry Lab. I was amazed. He later made a short-wave receiver and transmitter and learned the code. He got the call, W6EFZ. I spent a lot of time trying to build a short-wave receiver out of those bat-





(L) John Alton, W6HAG, with his 75-Year Award along with friend Leo Myerson, W0GFQ.



*This breadboard XMTR is the actual one John built 75 years ago! He still has it.*

tery radios but no luck until my friend showed me you how to loosely couple the antenna or it would not oscillate. Next, I got a copy of how to become a radio amateur. I built the xmitter TP – untuned grid using a copper plate coil and a grid coil wound on a piece of broom stick. The antenna was an off-center fed hertz, all on 40-meters. There was no one on 40 but Mexicans. My Dad's service man was a local fellow named Harold Frith. He became interested and we both went down to the Department of Commerce Radio Inspector. Harold passed the theory but failed the code. I passed the code and failed the theory. The code was 13 wpm; the theory was describe and draw a complete amateur station including receiver, transmitter and antenna.

In 1932 the radio inspection was changed to the Federal Communication Commission, and the exam was changed to multiple choice questions. Harold Frith and I took the exam and received our calls; Harold got W6GOJ and I got W6HAG. We cleaned out one of the chicken houses and made a Ham Shack and bedroom for us. We made a transmitter with a 227 osc, 224 buffer and a pair of 245 finals and a Zepp antenna. I caught heck for boiling the wooden spreaders in one of my mother's pots. One day Harold came home from LA with 2 quartz XTAL blanks and a dime store micrometer. With a piece of broken auto windshield (they were not laminated in those days), some coarse and fine carborundum powder and water, we ground them down to frequency. Also, we had to make the XTAL holders and grind the plates smooth. We had no meters, just a loop of wire and a flashlight bulb to tune up with.

One afternoon, at sunset, a heavy earthquake hit southern California. It was centered in Long Beach. As soon as I got home, I got on the air and helped relay traffic. Boy, my speed jumped from 15 to 25 wpm in a week. I tried to keep up with those guys and their bugs. I found that loosening the spring and closing the contact gap down I could send faster. After the March 6, 1938 southern California flood disaster, I received a commendation and write-up in QST. Later, I got a commercial radio telephone 2nd and a telegraph 2nd.

I worked at Lockheed for 5-years; was a Merchant Marine until the end of WWII; Press Wireless at Engineer Hoffman Radio; North American Aviation for 35-years as a Senior Design Engineer. I delivered a paper at the USAF Antenna Symposium at the University of Illinois on Design of Passive Antenna Coupler, for the B-70, a 3,000mph Bomber; four years as Chairman of the Aerospace and Flight Test Radio Coordinating Committee (a Government Industry Frequency Coordination Committee). I retired to Palm Desert in 1979, and became ARES Coordinator for Coachella Valley.

On July 20, 1979, Coachella Valley was declared a disaster after thunder storms, during the night, caused flash flooding; Highway 111 was washed out near Thunderbird Country Club resulting in one death; another couple died trying to cross the wash on Frank Sinatra Drive. The only bridges were on Bob Hope Drive and it was condemned, therefore police had closed it. All the ambulances were on the north side and the fire equipment was on the south side. The HAMs did a great job. Riverside County was our contact. I received a letter of commendation from Rancho Mirage and the County of Riverside.

I now have an ICOM 706 with antenna tuner and SB200 amp, 80 dipole, GAP vertical, three-element YAGI on 144 sideband, FM Kenwood 220 inside antenna.

# 51st Annual QSO Party Results

Please note: The rules for the QSO Party can be found on the QCWA website at:

<http://www.qcwa.org/2007-qso-party-rules.htm> or on **page 6 in the Spring 2007 Issue of the Journal.**

## QCWA April 2007 QSO Party - PHONE

| Call   | Name    | Chapter | Tot. Score |
|--------|---------|---------|------------|
| N8TT   | Jim     | 10      | 15204      |
| K4SUS  | Tom     | 49      | 5217       |
| N8COQ  | Ken     | IN      | 3420       |
| K4WYS  | Sonny   | 119     | 2065       |
| KQ4BY  | Larry   | 49      | 1479       |
| W4PRO  | Jim     | 119     | 1400       |
| NR8U   | Bob     | 212     | 1232       |
| W2EIU  | Ernie   | 155     | 1118       |
| W4THN  | Vern    | 119     | 945        |
| VE3HKG | Frances | 70      | 567        |
| VE3NPC | Clare   | 70      | 550        |
| K4JRB  | Dave    | 49      | 483        |
| W8WVM  | Arnie   | 30      | 420        |
| K9JIG  | Denis   | 55      | 272        |
| VE3IQ  | Jim     | 70      | 256        |
| N4US   | Ron     | 62      | 252        |
| AE4WF  | Wayne   | 49      | 224        |
| WB4UVH | Jim     | 119     | 224        |
| WQ6CWA | Chuck   | 213     | 143        |
| AI4GR  | Michael | 76      | 99         |
| W1WTG  | Charlie | 119     | 84         |
| W4BLO  | Lew     | 119     | 80         |
| W4CKP  | Gene    | 119     | 65         |
| KJ9N   | Alan    | 195     | 42         |
| WD8E   | Fritz   | 212     | 36         |
| W1KKG  | Sperry  | VA      | 24         |
| WB8UYA | Bob     | 214     | 24         |
| WA3KFT | John    | 166     | 20         |
| W3GQJ  | John    | 217     | 16         |
| K4HBI  | Mike    | 49      | 15         |
| WB2PEM | Fred    | 29      | 9          |
| K1VO   | Andy    | 146     | 6          |
| W4JJY  | Judy    | 119     | 1          |
| W4NHQ  | Chuck   | 32      | 1          |

### Headquarters Station:

#### W2MM

|        |       |    |      |
|--------|-------|----|------|
| W9KRE, | Jim   | 58 | 6790 |
| NOCM   | Chuck | 58 |      |
| WH6ANH | Carl  | 58 |      |

## QCWA April 2007 QSO Party - MIXED

| Call   | Name    | Chapter | Tot. Score |
|--------|---------|---------|------------|
| N4BAA  | Jose    | 119     | 22659      |
| W4YE   | Buddy   | 202     | 13860      |
| W8RJL  | Ron     | 119     | 11340      |
| VE3BNO | George  | 70      | 10395      |
| W7OM   | Rod     | 4       | 7728       |
| WQ4CWA | Vic     | 119     | 5670       |
| NS9I   | Dwight  | WI      | 5461       |
| W6IST  | Al      | 7       | 5341       |
| WA4BUE | Rich    | 119     | 3375       |
| K8DV   | Dave    | 214     | 2736       |
| K5RB   | Dick    | 41      | 2450       |
| N4LF   | Lex     | 196     | 2407       |
| K5BZH  | Jim     | 141     | 2272       |
| W2BZY  | Bob     | 45      | 2059       |
| N2BZD  | Pat     | 138     | 1638       |
| DJ5GG  | Gunther | 106     | 987        |
| VE4AHZ | Jack    | 70      | 663        |
| KZ4G   | Dave    | 214     | 464        |
| W9NVK  | Ed      | 162     | 384        |
| WA1PFC | John    | 112     | 348        |
| K2YLH  | George  | 77      | 184        |
| W4BHD  | Nelson  | 91      | 104        |
| KG6ZHC | Shawn   | CA      | 100        |
| WA2PHM | Bob     | 28      | 88         |
| KN5GRK | Herman  | 109     | 63         |
| DL9AR  | Bert    | 106     | 18         |

### Headquarters Station:

#### W2MM

|      |       |    |       |
|------|-------|----|-------|
| K0YY | Roger | 58 | 10920 |
|------|-------|----|-------|

## QCWA April 2007 QSO Party - CW / DIGITAL

| Call   | Name   | Chapter | Tot. Score |
|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| K1FK   | Dave   | 134     | 21488      |
| KG4W   | Ed     | 202     | 19440      |
| K4BAI  | John   | GA      | 16740      |
| W3CP   | Jim    | OR      | 15960      |
| W1DV   | Dave   | NY      | 11220      |
| K8FH   | Fred   | 1       | 10388      |
| W8UI   | Dave   | 30      | 10010      |
| K1GGI  | Ed     | 138     | 9504       |
| K4JM   | Tom    | VA      | 9288       |
| K1AA   | Norm   | 45      | 9240       |
| K9GDF  | Rich   | WI      | 7350       |
| W2MTA  | Bill   | 28      | 6972       |
| AA5KV  | John   | 85      | 6768       |
| K4ZGB  | Tom    | AL      | 6750       |
| K8VFR  | Rose   | 10      | 5576       |
| AB2N   | Arnold | 138     | 5544       |
| KJ6YK  | Buck   | 130     | 4056       |
| K3MD   | John   | PA      | 3876       |
| VA3ZBB | Rod    | 70      | 3808       |
| K2QMF  | Ted    | 81      | 3604       |
| K4EF   | Ev     | KY      | 3604       |
| W9HR   | Al     | 162     | 2728       |
| W7DPW  | Dave   | 168     | 2640       |
| K3TX   | Dave   | 5       | 1944       |
| K4ORD  | Riley  | 202     | 1584       |
| W4TJE  | Jack   | 126     | 1560       |
| AA8BV  | Bob    | 1       | 1500       |
| W4ZPR  | Jack   | 119     | 1250       |
| NA2M   | Bill   | 181     | 1176 RTTY  |

## QCWA April 2007 QSO Party - CW / DIGITAL

| Call   | Name    | Chapter | Tot. Score |
|--------|---------|---------|------------|
| W3TDF  | Ray     | 17      | 966        |
| W4YOK  | Tom     | TX      | 966        |
| VA3RKM | Bob     | 70      | 918        |
| VE3GX  | Ed      | 70      | 832        |
| VE3XK  | Doug    | 70      | 810 PSK-31 |
| W6HG   | Hugh    | 130     | 792        |
| VE3BBM | Ralph   | 70      | 760        |
| W5KL   | Buddy   | 202     | 756        |
| W3FZV  | Phil    | 16      | 616        |
| K5ME   | Bob     | CA      | 578        |
| W2KKZ  | Bob     | 65      | 576 PSK-31 |
| WA8MWA | Carolyn | 120     | 384        |
| W8MKR  | Jim     | MI      | 312        |
| K4UK   | Stan    | 202     | 300        |
| W4AGI  | Vic     | 202     | 286        |
| K6SS   | Len     | 130     | 220        |
| K2QR   | Dick    | 28      | 144        |
| W6TCY  | Bill    | 130     | 96         |
| VE3LC  | Norm    | 70      | 90         |
| W6HV   | Troy    | 130     | 84         |
| HA2MN  | Tibi    | HUNGARY | 50         |
| W1CKV  | Fred    | 149     | 50         |
| W6MMG  | Alex    | 11      | 50         |
| WA2TWS | Roy     | 5       | 50         |
| VA3HUN | John    | ON      | 32         |

### Headquarters Station:

#### W2MM

|       |      |    |     |
|-------|------|----|-----|
| W0CGV | John | 58 | 612 |
|-------|------|----|-----|

## Certificate Winners: QCWA Spring QSO Party Mar.31/Apr.1, 2007

| Call   | Name    | Location           | Chapter | Rank              | Category   |
|--------|---------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|------------|
| K1FK   | Dave    | Fort Kent, ME      | 134     | Highest score     | CW/Digital |
| KG4W   | Ed      | Glen Allen, VA     | 202     | 2nd Highest Score | CW/Digital |
| K4BAI  | John    | Columbus, GA       | GA.     | 3rd Highest Score | CW/Digital |
| N8TT   | Jim     | Lennon, MI         | 10      | Highest Score     | Phone      |
| K4SUS  | Tom     | Ellijay, GA        | 49      | 2nd Highest Score | Phone      |
| N8COQ  | Ken     | Schererville, IN   | IN.     | 3rd Highest Score | Phone      |
| N4BAA  | Jose    | Virginia Beach, VA | 119     | Highest Score     | Mixed      |
| W4YE   | Buddy   | Wirtz, VA          | 202     | 2nd Highest Score | Mixed      |
| W8RJL  | Ron     | Virginia Beach, VA | 119     | 3rd Highest Score | Mixed      |
| VA3ZBB | Rod     | Ottawa, ON         | 70      | Highest -Canada   | CW/Digital |
| HA2MN  | Tibi    | Budapest           | Hungary | Highest -Hungary  | CW/Digital |
| VE3HKG | Frances | Ottawa, ON         | 70      | Highest Canada    | Phone      |
| DJ5GG  | Gunther | Abenberg           | 106     | Highest -Germany  | Mixed      |
| VE3BNO | George  | Ottawa, ON         | 70      | Highest -Canada   | Mixed      |

**Note:** We are finally seeing some Digital Operation, and one station ran up 83 points operating only mobile.

W2MM was operated by our 2007 Convention Chapter 58 in Denver, Colorado for a non-competing score of 18,322 points. Thanks for handing out all those multipliers, guys.

Chapter Participation: This month's congratulations for Chapter participation go to Tidewater Chapter 119 in Virginia for rousting out 13 members, followed by perennial Chapter 70 with 11 members, Chapter 202 with 6, and 130,49, 28,138, and 3, making the 3-plus mark.

Bob Buus, W2OD, not only did the log checking for the QSO Party but has taken on the chore of log checking for the 60-60 Award announced elsewhere in the Journal. The fall and spring QSO parties will be a great place to make contacts towards this Award. Dust off your QCWA membership numbers! Thanks again, Bob.

**Cheers Everyone! George, VE3BNO**



# Presidential Honor Awards!



Bob, AA3RR, with his Presidential Award and surrounded by members of his "symphony".

Last weekend the Post Office delivered a package to my house. Since I wasn't expecting anything, I thought perhaps it was a door prize from the Dayton Hamvention. I did notice that the package was from the Quarter Century Wireless Association which was a bit perplexing. Imagine my surprise when I opened the package and found a "Presidential Award" plaque from the QCWA inside. Needless to say, I was rather speechless, as this was totally unexpected.

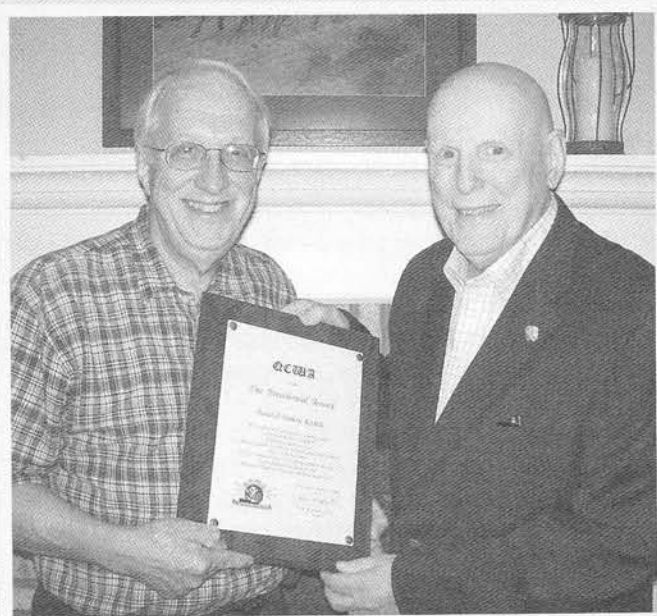
I humbly accept this Award not as recognition of my role as a VE Team Leader, but instead, I accept it on behalf of the 30 volunteers who comprise my VE team and who really do all of the hard work and deserve all the credit. Being a VE Team leader is akin to being a symphony director. The musicians (the VEs) are the ones who make the music while the director (the VE Team Leader) stands around waving his hands. Some of the members of my "symphony" are shown in the enclosed photo which was taken at the conclusion of our exam session on 9 June which resulted in seven new hams and 11 upgrades.

Thank you very much for this Award.

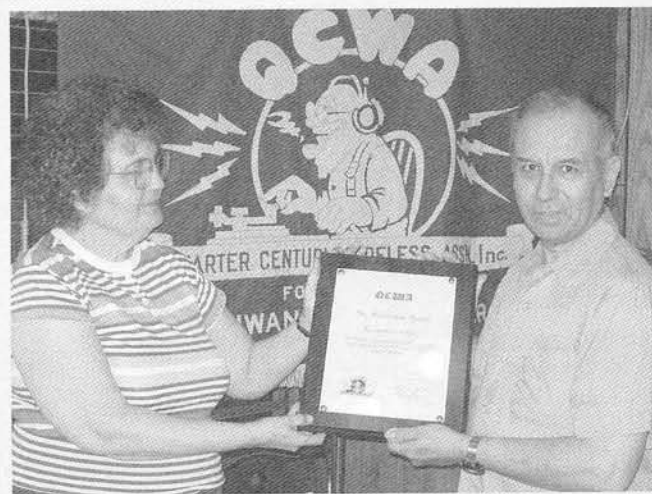
Bob, AA3RR



*Bob Heil, K9EID, receives his Hall Of Fame Award from QCWA President John B. Johnston, W3BE. The Award recognizes his outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio and the communications community.*



*Rol Anders, K3RA, receives a Presidential Award from QCWA President John B. Johnston, W3BE, for his effort in teaching amateur operator license classes for The Historical Electronic Museum Amateur Radio Club.*



*Sue Simpson, N8AJU (Sec. Treas. of Ocala, FL Chapter 62) presenting the President's Award to Ken Simpson, W8EK, President of Chapter 62. Ken has been instrumental in collecting and providing meeting information about Florida QCWA Chapters.*





# The Rules Say... Q&A

John B. Johnston, W3BE, 17701 Bowie Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855-1608

## WHO WINS?

**Q.** *It seems to me that Section 97.19(3) is setting the stage for a conflict where close relatives can consent to a club station being assigned the call sign of a deceased ham. What if they don't agree?*

**A.** In that eventuality, the winner is the club whose vanity call sign application is received first by the FCC. If multiple applications for the same call sign are received on the same day, the system sets the order through a lottery.

**Q.** *My ham friend was asked to leave a repeater because the QSO was in Spanish. I thought that you could use a foreign language and if you were running third-party traffic that the amateur had to monitor any conversation meaning that the person running the third party traffic had to understand the language; however, this is different in that they are all amateur radio operators. Can you please advise me?*

**W3BE-O-GRAM:** The control operator of the repeater probably didn't understand the conversation that was being retransmitted by the repeater and wanted to prevent any possibility of it retransmitting prohibited communications.

**Q.** *Our digital advocates want no rules. Their point of view seems to be that -- "since we are digital, we can go anywhere and do as we like because nobody with analog gear will be able to figure out who we are and what we are communicating."*

To some extent — they are correct. Unless the digital folks all run the same "protocol" — which seems unlikely — they will just raise one another's noise floor — and that of every other ham using the spectrum. Digital is NOT a panacea. I doubt the various ham manufacturers will all go the same "protocol" — each hoping to completely corner the digital ham market and possibly even control it. A lot of hams who go digital may no longer be able to communicate with one another! (Comment?)

**W3BE-O-GRAM:** If that happens, our service may no longer be regulatable. A un-monitor-able communication system begs abuse by those persons having a need for stealth communications.

**Q.** *What is your take on no-code and easy exams?*

**W3BE-O-GRAM:** For me - and probably most other hams who mastered the arduous challenges of self-study for those serious examinations, taking time off from work, traveling to that imposing federal building and qualifying under the icy scrutiny of that dispassionate professional FCC examiner - it is most disturbing and saddening to observe our hobby being stripped of the mystique that has made those successes so meaningful to us.

**Q.** *When a repeater transmits its station identification as [call sign]/R, isn't that in violation of Section 97.119(c) where it says that no self-assigned indicator may conflict with any other indicator specified by the FCC Rules or with any prefix assigned to another country?*

**A.** Yes, it is.

**W3BE-O-GRAM:** Embarrassing to report, but this question was asked during a Technician Class operator training class. Against a projection of the call sign of a local repeater appended with the self-assigned indicator "IR," I was explaining that it is there in order to alert its listeners that it was being operated under the accommodations for repeaters in Section 97.205.

His question caught me off-guard. Assuming that so many repeater station licensees could not possibly be wrong, I answered him that it was permissible because "R" was not a prefix assigned to another country. Wrong! A visit to [www.ac6v.com/prefixes.htm#PRI](http://www.ac6v.com/prefixes.htm#PRI) showed that the block RAA-RZZ is assigned to the Russian Federation. Whoops! It showed, moreover, that it uses the prefix "R" to honor a World War II veteran.

Try teaching a class. You may learn something from your students' questions.



**Q. The Russians are on to something by assigning prefix "R" in amateur station call signs to indicate a WW II veteran. Can't we reserve all call signs that start with the prefix "NA" for Navy or Marine, "AA" for Army and "AF" for Air Force, and "AC#G" for Coast Guard veterans?**

**A.** Great idea, but probably too late. Those prefixes are already assigned. It would require a major upheaval to retract them for reassignment.

*W3BE-O-GRAM: Our QCWA, however, has asked for the next best thing: a series of indicators reserved for exclusive use by current and veteran military service hams. It has filed a petition for rulemaking with the FCC calling for a procedure whereby an amateur operator who is now serving, or who has served, with our military is afforded the option of making notice of such service during their amateur station identification announcements. On appropriate occasions, such as Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day and Independence Day, they could make known, during their communications, that they are serving or have served and the branch of their service. See Be Informed! No. 11.*

Many of our hams have made valuable contributions to military electronics and communications as a result of their pre-service experience as amateur operators. Others became amateur operators during or following their military training in communications and electronics. They share a very unique common bond in the pride of having served our country in difficult and oftentimes risky ventures. Those who are also amateur operators often share this bond to an even greater extent.

The FCC rules already recognize this beneficial linkage: they authorize the grant of military recreation amateur station licenses, which enable our amateur operators to continue the pursuit of their hobby even while serving duty at a military facility; they provide for the installation and operation of an amateur station onboard ships and aircraft; and they authorize our amateur stations, transmitting on amateur service channels, to exchange messages cross-band with military stations transmitting on government frequency channels during an Armed Forces Day Communications Test.

The following indicators would be reserved for this purpose:

- (1) Air Force: /AF
- (2) Army: /AA
- (3) Navy: /NA
- (4) Marine Corps: /NM
- (5) Coast Guard: /ACG

Please support the petition.

**Q. How about reserving an indicator for the Merchant Mariners?**

**A.** If we can get the petition to a comment stage, please file your arguments for such. I've added MERCHANT

MARINE or KMM to my recommended self-assigned indicators. See BE Informed! No. 14. While a Junior in high school during WW II, I helped a classmate to learn Morse telegraphy so that he could join the Merchant Marine as a ship radio operator at age 16. He experienced some very heavy action in the North Atlantic.

**Q. Why can't the Coast Guard hams get a two letter indicator like the other services?**

**A.** Maybe they can. At this point, we're asking for the indicator set to be reserved for exclusive use. If you have a better set in mind, please file your arguments for such should our petition progress to that phase.

*Q. Whenever I contact a new station, I look him up instantly on a Buckmaster Hamcall CD-ROM. This provides the beam heading from my station. However, if the other station is portable or mobile, this procedure doesn't work. But if the other station has appended the /Mobile or /Portable identifier to his call sign, I immediately ask where he is operating from and mentally compute the azimuth offset. During vacation periods when many stations operate as portable, or when the operators fail to notify the FCC (or the foreign equivalents) of their new addresses, "/P" is important.*

*When APRS is implemented by the other station its QTH is automatically displayed on the computer screen and my beam can track the /P or /M using the displayed data. Realistically, only a tiny number of stations utilize APRS so I am hoping to persuade you that we should retain the /P and /M practice for the immediate future.*

**A.** Such appendage for a self-assigned indicator of any letters that are prefixes assigned to other countries, however, is contrary to Section 97.119(c).

*W3BE-O-GRAM: Thanks, but I have to pass on that one. The FCC does the job of making such decisions for places where it regulates our amateur service.*

**Q. There appears to be a loophole in the 20-wpm limit on machine-generated CW ID in Section 97.119(b)(1). Our repeaters do not use CW to ID; they use MCW. Paragraph 97.3(c)(5) says that MCW for the purpose of performing the station identification may also be considered phone. There, is therefore, no speed limit. Correct?**

**A.** Correct. Be ever mindful, however, of the fundamental requirement in Section 97.119: Each station must transmit its assigned call sign for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions.

*W3BE-O-GRAM: No longer can any station licensee rely comfortably upon the fact that most of those receiving the transmissions are capable of interpret-*

*ing correctly Morse signals into call signs. Less than 40-percent of our current amateur service community is qualified to do this, even at 5-wpm. You have uncovered a perfect example of how a well-meant "how-to" requirement can be overcome by "progress," but remains in the rules because it has taken on a life of its own. Arise! Help stamp out how-to-ism in our rules!*

Read the rules - Heed the rules at [www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/).

Click on [Title 47] then on [Part 97]. Also visit <http://wireless.fcc.gov/> and click on [amateur] or [ULS]. Enforcement reports are at:

<http://www.fcc.gov/eb/AmateurActions/welcome.html>.

Have a question about the amateur service rules? Visit <http://w3be.home.att.net/>; or e-mail [john@johnston.net](mailto:john@johnston.net).

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# CHAPTER REPORTS

Chapter Reports are a very important part of the Journal. We would like to see regular reports from all Chapters. If your Chapter is not represented on these pages, please ask your Secretary to file a special report for the Journal. Please send the reports to Chuck Walbridge, General Manager, to arrive **NO LATER than the following dates: January 1 for Spring, April 1 for Summer, July 1 for Fall and October 1 for Winter.**

**ATTENTION! QCWA Chapter Report Guidelines:** All Chapter reports will need to follow these limits set by the Publications Standing Committee: **500 words and two photos maximum.** When taking photos, group together those receiving awards rather than individual photos. Those can always be posted on a Chapter webpage. When a Chapter report is submitted, please include the Chapter number in the title and with any photos submitted. Preferred formats for reports are: Word (.doc), rtf or plain text.

## Chapter 1, Cleveland (OH)

Cleveland-area QCWA members participated in Field Day 2007 at the Lake Metroparks Farmpark. Operators included Jeff Covelli, WA8SAJ; David Dennis, W8DDD; "Dee" Logan, W1HEO; and Dick Scott, W8FDN. Moral support was provided by several additional Chapter members, including President Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP.

Volunteers from Chapter One continue to staff the Amateur Radio station at the Cleveland VA Hospital. The newest operator is Carl Rimmer, W8KRF.

Sixteen radio clubs are currently members of the Northeast Ohio Ham Radio Promotion Project co-sponsored by our Chapter. The 22-minute promotional video, "Amateur Radio: Wireless Window to the World," produced for the project, is now available for a \$20 donation via Treasurer, W8DDD.



ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, presents the 2006 McGan Silver Antenna Public Relations Award to Devere "Dee" Logan, W1HEO, (left) Chapter Editor, during a recent meeting. (Photo by W8DDD.)

We welcome new member Jerry Dusa, WB8ADF. Plans are getting underway for a new membership drive to recruit area Amateurs for the Chapter.

*Devere "Dee" Logan, W1HEO, Editor*

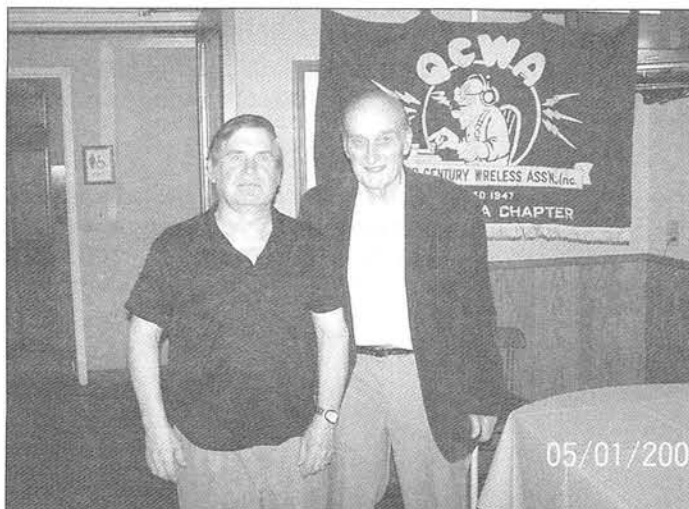
## Chapter 2, Chicago Area (IL)

President Jim Quinn, K9JQ, opened the meeting at 7 p.m. at Colletti's Restaurant in Chicago, Ill..

Those in attendance were:

|        |                               |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| K9JQ   | Jim and Mary Lou Quinn        |
| W9MOL  | Lee and Phyllis Knirko        |
| WB9DJD | Paul Bovaconti                |
| WA9FTS | Mike Brost and Carol Sparacio |
| KC9BFQ | Jere and Guneda Quinn         |
|        | Sofia Quinn                   |
|        | Jean Cone and Richard Gieras  |

Jim Quinn welcomed the members and their guests. The Restaurant served their usual choice of beef, chicken



VP Mike Brost, WA9FTS; & President, Jim Quinn, K9JQ.

and fish. All agreed the food was excellent.

After the meal, entertainment was provided by Mike Brost, WA9FTS, who showed a video of Ham station WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center in Miami for onsite weather reports.

He followed with another video titled GIZMO!, which featured man's early attempts to fly. Much of the story was hilarious.

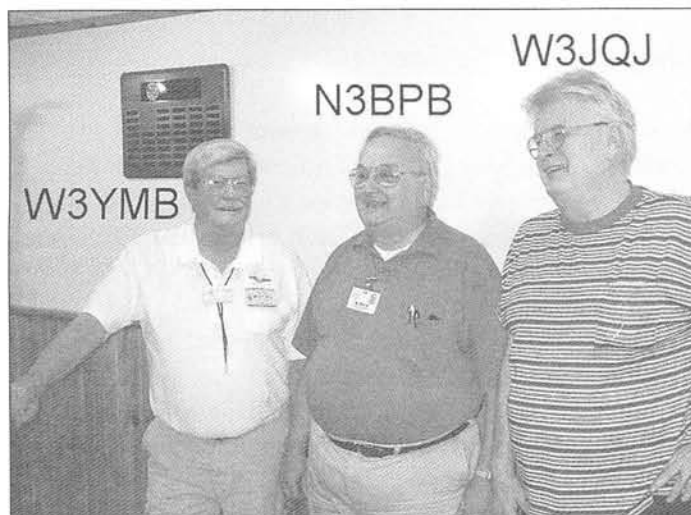
**Lee Knirko, W9MOL, Acting Secretary**

## Chapter 6, Pittsburgh (PA)

Pittsburgh, Chapter 6, kicked off the summer season with its meeting at Rocky's II in McKees Rocks, PA. Our new venue seems to be a great place for doing what we do best—breaking bread and swapping stories.

Following our Treasurer's report, we received some debriefings of the Dayton Hamfest activity which were much to the envy of those who could not attend. A short discussion of a University of Pittsburgh research project followed. The University Neuro-sciences Department is conducting studies of memory and recall abilities following visual, spoken, and Morse code letter groups. Test subjects, willing to prove the demise of Morse has been exaggerated, are compensated \$50 for their two-hour effort. Yet another reason to keep the Morse art form alive and well.

Chapter 6 was pleased to welcome new members Matt Walsh, W3JQJ, and Bill Kristoff, N3BPB, to the ranks. Matt is an old timer of many talents whose affiliation with the chapter is welcomed. Bill is "Mr. Ham Radio" in the greater Pittsburgh area. He is responsible for the training and licensing of nearly 200 hams in southwestern Pennsylvania over the years. Additionally, Bill is involved in



QCWA Director Ed Yoder, W3YMB, welcoming new members, Bill Kristoff, N3BPB, and Matt Walsh, W3JQJ, to Chapter 6.

the stewardship of two area radio clubs, one of which is the Breezeshooters ARC—sponsor of the single most successful hamfest in the tri-state area. The Chapter looks forward to having these two gentlemen with us.

Our final effort was to install an interim President. Illness forces President, Roy Repp, W3TZW, to step down after more than four years at the helm. The membership would like to recognize and express its thanks to Roy for volunteering to take on the job.

Chapter 6 meets on a quarterly basis, and details can be had by contacting Brian Roberts, K9VKY, directly, or by checking in to the Sunday morning net. The net meets at 0830 prevailing time on 147.03 and is hosted by Bruce Murray, N3GHI. All are welcome.

Here is some additional information supplied by Ken Simpson, W8EK (President of QCWA Chapter 62 in Ocala, FL) regarding The Breezeshooters Hamfest. The Hamfest was held on June 3 at the Butler, PA, fairgrounds. Everyone in the area knows that this is a very nice hamfest, so we wanted to be certain that QCWA was represented. Upon our request, the hamfest people gave us a table in a nice location inside one of the buildings. The Chapter 6 QCWA Banner was flying over the hamfest table. There were many QCWA members that signed in, including many from Chapter 6. Actually, there were a fair number of members of Chapter 6 at the hamfest who do not attend the Chapter meetings. Why not make it a point to attend the next Chapter meeting?

In addition to Chapter 6 members, there were many others from surrounding areas. We also signed up several new members as well. Information about QCWA was handed out by Art Kuntz, W3WM, with help from Ken Simpson, W8EK (President of QCWA Chapter 62 in Ocala, FL) and Sue Simpson, N8AJU (Sec-Treas of Chapter 62).

**Brian Roberts, K9VKY**



Sue Simpson, N8AJU (Sec-Treas, Chapter 62, Ocala, FL); Ken Simpson, W8EK (Pres, Chapter 62, Ocala, FL); Art Kuntz, W3WM (past National Director).

## Chapter 10, Michigan (MI)

Michigan Chapter 10 held their Annual Meeting at Cadillac, MI on May 05, 2007, in conjunction with the Wexauke Amateur Radio Club swap and shop. We thank the members of the Wexauke Club for allowing QCWA to have a table at no charge and for promoting QCWA to their membership and guests.

Our Annual Meeting was attended by 41 members and guests and held at the Waterfront Restaurant in Cadillac, MI. Following a great luncheon meal, the meeting was called to order by President Doug Almquist, WB8VOF. Election of Officers found Doug Almquist, WB8VOF, President; and John Talboys, N8OR, Vice-President, elected to a two-year term; and Jim Bishop, W8JFB, Secretary/Treasurer, re-elected to a three-year term. Congratulations to our newly-elected Officers.

The following QCWA Awards were presented: Beverley Stoner, K8ZJU, QCWA Century Club Award; Charles Dewey, Jr, W0CD, 75th Anniversary Of Licensing Award and Honorary Life Membership; Edward J. Ireland, W8FSZ, 55 Anniversary Of Licensing Award; Alan W. Scott, W8KIZ, 55th Anniversary Of Licensing Award; Ronald Savela, W8ILS, 50th Anniversary Of Licensing Award, 50 Years Of Continuous Licensing Award, & 55th Anniversary Of Licensing Award; Donald R. "Van", VanSickle, K8GOU, 50th Anniversary Of Licensing Award & 50 Years Of Continuous Licensing Award; William C. Kirks, W8TZA, 50th Anniversary Of Licensing Award & 50 Years Of Continuous Licensing Award; David DeRain, K8ESQ, 50th Anniversary Of Licensing Award & 50 Years Of Continuous Licensing Award, Stanford H. Rowe, K6VWE, 50th Anniversary Of Licensing Award & 50 Years Of Continuous Licensing Award; Thomas G. Schoonover, K8BTE, 50th Anniversary Of Licensing Award & 50 Years Of Continuous



*Beverley Stoner, K8ZJU, receives her QCWA Century Club Award from Chapter President, Doug Almquist, WB8VOF.*

Licensing Award; Douglas Almquist, WB8VOF, Meritorious Service Award For 2007. We extend our sincere congratulations to all of these members for their many contributions and achievements.

A special presentation was made posthumously to long-time QCWA member and now Silent Key, Merle Lawrence, W8LUI, who had qualified for his QCWA 75th Anniversary of Licensing Award as of January 01, 2007. Merle went Silent Key on January 29, 2007. A special presentation was made posthumously to Merle's wife, Roberta, "Bobbie" Lawrence, and Son, James Lawrence, WD8IDP, by Chapter 10 member, Peter Hansen, W8TWA, in mid June. (see photo)

We welcome the following new members into QCWA and Chapter 10: Charles Prokos, W8CGP, Livonia, MI; William C. Kirks, W8TZA, Kalamazoo, MI; David L. Schneider, N8ERL, Saginaw, MI; Kenneth C. Lenz, Jr., KB9NK, Hudsonville, MI; Richard G. Alexa, N8DMJ, Tustin, MI; Gerald J. Nowicki, KG8N, Alpena, MI; Beverly J. Callewaert, WD8PFC, Hersey, MI; James R. Foley, Jr., W8NSI, Belmont, MI; and Richard S. Larsen, K8MW, Lake, MI. We extend a sincere welcome to these new members and look forward to many years of good fellowship and fun.

We would like to welcome the members of newly-formed Chapter 219, of Menomonee, MI, and wish them well as they begin to establish many new members for QCWA in their area.

As summer winds down we would like to wish everyone the very best of Holiday Greetings as the Thanksgiving and Christmas season is fast approaching. Let us not forget Veteran's Day, and remember all those who gave so much



*Doug Almquist, WB8VOF (left), is presented with the QCWA 2007 Meritorious Service Award for Chapter 10, by Jim Bishop, W8JFB.*





*Peter Hansen, W8TWA, presents the QCWA "75th Anniversary of Licensing Award" (posthumously), for Merle Lawrence, W8LUI, (SK) to Merle's wife, Mrs. Roberta Lawrence.*

for this great Country of ours.

Due to space constraints, we will publish additional pictures of 2007 Award presentations in future issues of the Journal. Please check our webpage on the QCWA National Website for additional pictures as well.

**James Bishop, W8JFB, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Chapter 11, Norcal (CA)**

Our December 2006 annual Chapter 11 meeting was held on the third Wednesday of Dec. 2006 at Harry's Hofbrau, Redwood City, CA. We had 26 members present. We had a follow-up presentation by Brad Wyatt, K6WR, who updated the group on his use of the YI9DXX Internet Remote Base station located in Baghdad, Iraq, since it came up in mid Jan. 2006. Brad lives in a condo/townhouse complex with CC&Rs prohibiting outdoor antennas, so this is how he has been active on the bands using the various stations throughout the world involved with this system. See [WWW.w7DXX.com](http://WWW.w7DXX.com) and [www.w4mq.com](http://www.w4mq.com) for details and programs. Also see [www.iraqi-ars.com](http://www.iraqi-ars.com) for the website of the Iraqi Amateur Radio Society.

Terry Finn, AA6T, attended the 2006 QCWA Convention in Calgary, Alberta. He had a great time visiting his former homeland. He presented the Convention officialdom with a gift of California wine on behalf of our Chapter.

The monthly meetings of Chapter 11 – NORCAL— are



*(l to r) Terry Finn, AA6T; Al Newbold, W6MMG; Adrianus Schrauwen, W6AJS.*

held the third Wednesday of each month at noon at "The Carvery" — Harry's Hofbrau — in Redwood City on El Camino Real, one block north (toward San Francisco) of the intersection with Hiway 84.

The 2007 Officers are Al Montoya, WB6IMX, President; Pete Van Putten, WA6UDU, Vice President, and Brad Wyatt, K6WR, Secretary/ Treasurer.

Our March 2007 meeting was an "After St. Patrick's Day" lunch on March 21, 2007, at the Sequoia Yacht Club in Redwood City featuring corned beef and cabbage.

Earlier in the month, we were pleased to award John Carter, W3ELO, his 70-Year QCWA Award.

We continue to welcome new members to the Chapter and its nets.

About 25 members usually attend each meeting. At each meeting we are pleased to welcome new members!

Please come join us for the social hour starting about 11 AM with lunch starting a half hour or so later.

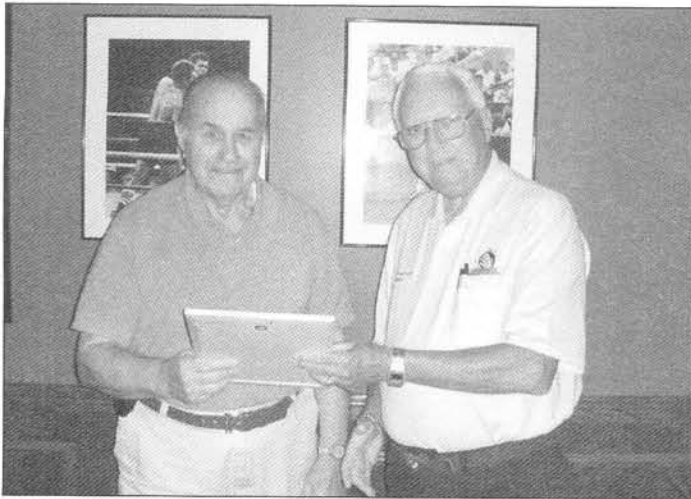
**Brad Wyatt, K6WR, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Chapter 19, Missouri (MO)**

At our last monthly Chapter 19 luncheon, Chairman Jim Glasscock, W0FF, presented Lou Angelici, W3TRZ, his 50-Year Award. Congratulations Lou.

George Schindler, WB0IIS, purchased a complete set of Icom D-Star repeaters at the 2006 Dayton Hamvention. With the help of Roger Volk, K0GOB, and the Monsanto Radio Club, George has all four repeaters operating. Digital Voice on 2m, 70cm and 23cm. Also the digital data repeater on 23cm. Many of our club members are now enjoying noise-free communications on D-Star. Thank you George and Roger. More information is available at [www.modigitalgroup.org](http://www.modigitalgroup.org).

Chapter 19 meets monthly on the second Saturday. We



*Lou, W3TRZ (L), receiving 50-Year Award from Jim, W0FF.*

meet at Mike Duffy's Restaurant where we conduct our meeting and enjoy lunch and socializing together.

Our Chapter also participates in a weekly net. The net control is Ken Scott, W9VHL. This net meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm on two meters at 147.360 Mhz. If you are visiting the St. Louis area, please check in.

**John Germanos, WB9PNU, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Chapter 21, Canton (OH)**

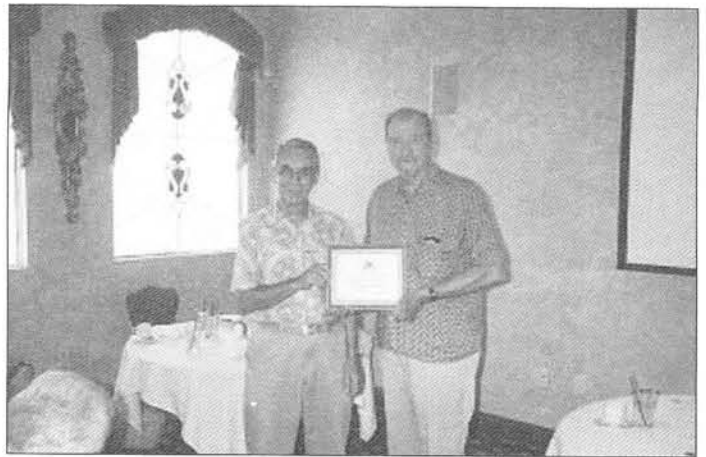
The flag is at half-mast in Chapter 21. On April 3 our Secretary-Treasurer of 11 years, David Glass, W8UKU, became a Silent Key. Then, on June 10 our immediate Past-President Harold "Kay" McCune, W8LNK, joined the Silent Key's. Both Dave and Kay have been very active in Chapter 21 events and regulars at our Saturday breakfast and monthly luncheon.

20 members and guests attended the Chapter 21 quarterly meeting at noon on Jan 2, 2007 at the LaPizzaria Restaurant. President Nelson Caley, W8EAR, presided. Guests were K8UGR, Jack, and Lois Bruce; and KD8XD, Julius, and Helen Erdos. The winner of the "free meal" was WA8DRT, Ed Clinger.

QCWA Century Club Award was presented to K8LBZ John Edel, former Chapter 21 President and QCWA National Director, by President, Nelson Caley, W8EAR. The two new Officers of Chapter 21 were introduced. WA8DRT, Ed Clinger, is the new Vice President; and N8AIM, Judy McCune, formerly Vice President, is now the Secretary/Treasurer.

For the program, W8MV, Mel Vye, who was a member of the Peter One dxPedition showed the recently-released DVD on the Peter One dxPedition by Bob Russell, who was also a member of the team.

**Joe Vignos, W1FEZ**



*John Edel, K8LBZ (R), was presented the QCWA Century Club Award by President Nelson Caley, W8EAR.*

## **Chapter 25, Nebraska (NE)**

This summer has been quite busy for QCWA Chapter 25 President Reynolds Davis, KØGND.

He participated in the annual Biopreparedness Symposia series: "Protecting our Heartland and its Resources" held in Kearney (March); Norfolk (April); Gering (May); and Lincoln (June). He was the presenter for the topic "Disaster Communications" wherein he introduced the audience to the Amateur Radio resource. This fall Reynolds will manage multi-hospital Decontamination exercises including "victims" for all Nebraska hospitals. They will do 7 exercises in August & September for staffs of area hospitals, area fire and rescue departments and Emergency Management.

All of these travels were scheduled between his regular activities with the American Red Cross where he makes quarterly meetings of the 9-state Service Area Resource Council providing leadership in the area. He is the Chairman for the Cornhusker Regional Council.

**Steve Loyd, AG0L, Secretary**



*Fifty-Year Continuously Licensed Awards to Skip Miller, WØKUN (left) and Arv Hernes, KOIT (right).*

## **Chapter 29, Finger Lakes (NY)**

Chapter 29 continues to meet throughout the summer on the last Friday of the month at Weber's Restaurant in Syracuse, NY. This provides an opportunity to catch up on the activities of our members who have retired to warmer climes and "summer" in New York. The Chapter congratulates three members on their longevity in the Amateur Radio Service: Bill Kimbell, W2TYO, 55 years; Bill Tully, W2MTG, 50 years; and Jack Rouble, K2JDD, 50 years. Our May meeting was an illuminating experience. Several members brought about a dozen LED flashlights for "show and tell". From 1 to 28 LEDs, these devices give an amazing amount of light and exceptional battery life. Good things to have on hand for thunderstorm season. Jim Mozley, W2BCH, manned the QCWA booth at the Rochester Hamfest on behalf of Chapter 29. He was joined by Bill Thompson, W2MTA, from Chapter 28. They operated under the watchful eye of QCWA President John Johnston, W3BE. About 100 present and potential members signed the roster.

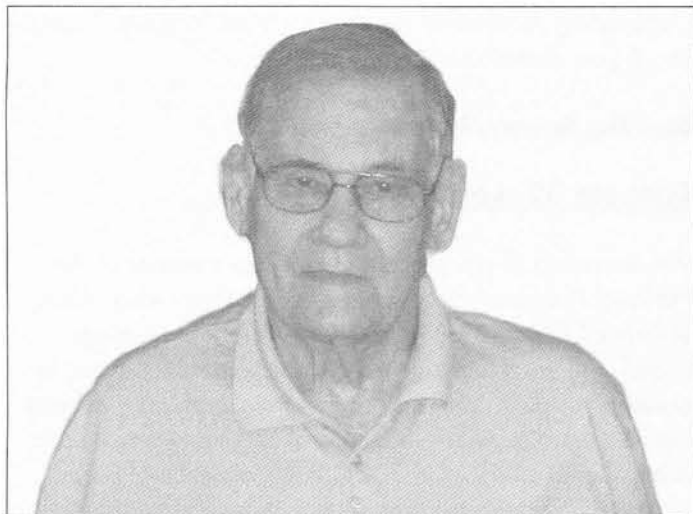
*John Roubie, Secretary*

## **Chapter 30, West Virginia (WV)**

It was good to see so many folks at the WV State Convention at Jackson's Mill last month. This was the 49th anniversary for the convention.

Mark your calendar for October 4th when our Chapter will gather in Huntington for our fall gathering. We will be having a noontime Dutch treat lunch at the Central City Café. After lunch we will be visiting the Museum of Radio and Technology for a tour. If you have never visited the Museum, you owe it to yourself to come and look over the collection of antique to modern equipment they have gathered. They have a broadcast studio and transmitter from the 1930s once used by WMMN in Fairmont. There is a room full of ham radio gear from the early spark days through the 50s, 60s and more. There are all kinds of antique radios and electronic home entertainment equipment. There are even some early computers. Watch for more information and directions that will go out by e-mail or snail mail in September.

Bill became a ham in 1960 but his roots in radio operating go back to 1943 in the Russell Islands of the South Pacific. Bill was assigned to an engineering company and selected to go to radio school. Six weeks later he was back with his unit on the island of New Georgia having learned the basics of radio operation and a proficiency in using Morse code. He was the back-up operator for the company when the main operator was killed and Bill had to step in and take over. It was a big responsibility for a young man



*Bill Godwin, K8TPF.*

just finishing school.

After the island and its airstrip were secured, Bill parked his J-38 and took the wheel of a dump truck hauling materials and filling bomb craters. They built the airstrip used by Pappy Boyington and the Black Sheep Squadron.

Bill also saw action at Atapi, New Guinea and in the Philippines. When Luzon was under our country's control, Bill found himself in Manila waiting for a ship to take him home.

Back home to WV, Bill set about starting a family and a monument business that his son operates today. In the late 1950s, Nobel Kramer, W8UHB, became Bill's Elmer to ham radio as he knew about his radio operations during WWII. Bill's main interest in ham radio has been devoted to that of traffic handling. He is a proficient CW operator who can be heard in the NTS at all levels from the WV nets through TCC schedules. He is the current manager of the Eighth Regional CW Nets. In 1964, Bill was named the



*Group at our Spring Gathering, May 2007. L-R Standing: WD8EOG, WA8YCG, K8HHV, K8TPF, KA8WNO, WA8WCK, W8WVM, K8CHW. Kneeling L to R: W8UI, W8PBO, W8OP.*



Outstanding Amateur of the Year for West Virginia. Thanks for all your devotion to ham radio, Bill.

*David May, Secretary/Treasurer*

## **Chapter 32, Largo (FL)**

We are proud to announce that this year's winner of our National President's DX Award went to Alice I King, AI4K, of Gator Chapter 32. Gator Chapter's formal meetings ended with the 5 May meeting. Other events conspired to prevent President, John B. Johnston from personally presenting his award to Alice, so a special ceremony was held in Alice's home on 19 June 2007. In the absence of our National President, the presentation was officiated by the Gator Chapter President, Joe Swingle, W9DGW. Bart Bridge, W2ZYQ, Gator Chapter Secretary, and Sterling Haskell, W1KIQ, Gator Chapter Treasurer, witnessed the presentation, and Betty Swingle, KB8CHR, served as photographer.

Alice's plaque reads, "Section 97.1(e): For continuing and extending the amateur operator's unique ability to enhance international goodwill and for outstanding accomplishments in DX operating."

Aside from an amazing display of DX accomplishments on the wall of Alice's shack, Alice helped enhance the DX operating experiences of others by taking four DX expeditions:

1988 – Wallace Island (FW) in the Fiji Group.

1991 – British Tortola and Granada (J37AK). Worked the YL contest as J37YL.

1995-96 – Anguilla to participate in the RTTY contests



*Left to right are Sterling Haskell, W1KIQ, Treasurer; Alice I King, AI4K, Award recipient; Joe Swingle, W9DGW, President; and Bart Bridge, W2ZYQ, Secretary.*

in January of each of those years.

1998 – St. Pierre (French), just south of Newfoundland. Later, moved to the Sept Iles (French name of Seven Isles) (VE2).

Alice received her Novice license in June 1978, her General Class License in 1980, her Advanced Class license in May 1983, followed immediately by her Extra Class License in June 1983. Alice joined the Gator Chapter in the Fall of 2003.

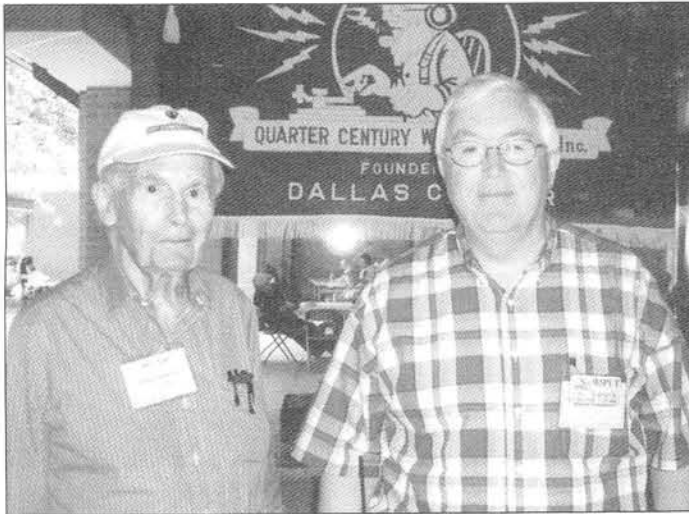
Alice has also been an exemplary citizen of the community of Largo. She has served for 16 years as a volunteer radio operator at the Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center; She has donated over NINE Gallons of blood to the local blood bank. She sings second alto with the Suncoast Singers who were invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in March of 2006. And, Alice is a loyal member of her local church choir.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I presented this award to Alice I King, AI4K.

*Joe Swingle, W9DGW, President*

## **Chapter 41, Dallas (TX)**

June is where the action is and that means Ham-Com in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to some 5,000 ham radio operators who congregate in the nearby Plano (Texas) Convention Center and where QCWA maintains a noteworthy presence through Chapter 41. This year was no exception. Among those manning the booth were local member Val Erwin, W5PUT, who also is a very active National Board Member of QCWA; and long-time Chapter member, Jerry Stover, W5AE, a member of Tom Brokaw's Greatest Generation. Jerry was licensed at age 13, became a radio operator at a Minnesota CCC camp in 1935, and recalls that the principal radio traffic was ordering toilet paper and canned goods from Fort Snelling (MN). As an early member of Army Signal Corps' Electronics Training Group (ETG), Jerry was sent to England in October 1941 to learn Radar from the Royal Air Force. After Pearl Harbor, he flew anti-sub missions with RAF Coastal Command returning to the States in 1943 for duty at the Air Forces Board in Florida. In June 1944, he took three Air Support Radio teams to OMAHA BEACH wading ashore on D-Day+2. He served in five campaigns including Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star, finishing military service with the rank of Major. After the war, while completing his EE Degree at SMU under the GI Bill, close friend, Lacy Goostree, W5LMG (SK), suggested he go into mobile radio. Jerry and war-time buddy, Tom McMullin, W8CBG (SK), founded Communications Industries, Inc., (CI) which designed and built antennas under the name Decibel



*Jerry Stover, W5AE (left), and Val Erwin, W5PUT, man the Dallas Chapter 41 QCWA booth at Ham-Com in the Plano (TX) Convention Center. New members were enrolled and acquaintanceships renewed.*

Products and entered the paging and cellular radio business. When acquired by Pacific Telesis in 1986, CI had sales of over 100 million dollars and shareholders on three continents. Jerry retired as Chairman in 1980. He keeps in touch with other ETG vets via video chats on SKYPE and says this is a far cry from using CW to order toilet paper 72 years ago!

Val is a native of Pueblo, Colorado and was licensed in 1959 having become fascinated with radio while in his teens. He received his engineering degree in 1965 and has an extensive engineering background at both Texas Instruments and Collins Radio Company working in both Engineering R&D and Field Engineering, the latter providing foreign assignments all over the world. Being semi-retired now allows for more radio-operating time on 20M CW and HF mobile. He is a long-time member of various professional organizations such as IEEE, National Association of Radio and Telecommunication Engineers (NARTE) and is a Certified EMC Engineer. He is also a licensed Private Pilot. He and his wife Jettie are nimble on their feet as enthusiastic Square and Round Dancers. The interests, backgrounds, activities, and life experiences of Chapter 41 members cover a wide spectrum.

**Bob Olney, NSNT, Recording Secretary**

## **Chapter 45, Citrus (FL)**

On a sad note, Chapter member Chuck Ehrhardt, K9PQR, became a silent key. Chuck was very much involved with local amateur radio clubs and he was everybody's friend. He will be sorely missed. Another of our distinguished members Walt Maxwell, W2DU, has been seriously ill and has undergone surgery. At this writing he seems to be recuperat-

ing nicely. We certainly wish our good friend a speedy recovery. Another distinguished member of our Chapter and National President, John Johnston, W3BE, has recently undergone surgery and we are pleased to learn that he is now at home recuperating; our best wishes to him and his wife, Betty.

We are pleased to note the following awards presented at our May monthly meeting: 50-Year Anniversary Certificates were presented to Frank Bashore, W1IBM; Robert Cumming, W2BZY; James Schultert, AI4LE; John Wandless, K4HTZ; and Gerald Skinner, K4LVZ. A 55-Year Anniversary Certificate was presented to Larry Wartel, KJ4BR; and a 70-Year Anniversary Certificate was presented to Norm Gertz, K1AA.

We are also pleased to announce that Chapter 45 has implemented a Chapter Life Membership program contingent on the individual maintaining National membership. Congratulations to our first three Chapter 45 LIFE Members: Tom Harmon, KG4KJA; Carl Zelich, AA4MI; and Stephen



*Norm Gertz, K1AA, receives his 70-Year Award from Al LaPeter, W2AS.*



*Bob Cummings, W2BZY receives his 50-Year Award from Al LaPeter, W2AS.*

Szabo, WB4OMM.

Members and guests of Citrus Chapter enjoyed an informal luncheon meeting at a local restaurant on Sunday, June 3rd. The Chapter holds one of these meetings quarterly to allow members who are still in the workforce to attend a Chapter gathering. These informal luncheons have proved to be very popular and are well-attended. This is in addition to our regular monthly meetings on a Wednesday.

The Chapter owns and operates an open repeater, W4PLA, operating on 147.195 MHz (no tone). Scheduled net is at 1930 hours local time on Tuesday of each week. All hams in the area are invited to check in.

**Al LaPeter, W2AS, President**

## **Chapter 48, Treasure Coast (FL)**

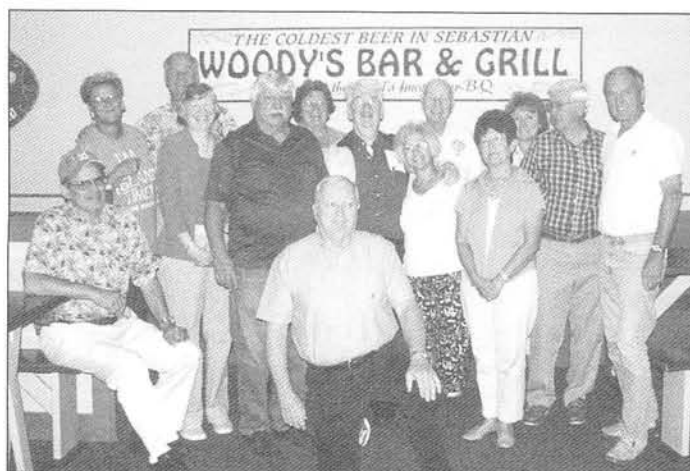
Members of the Treasure Coast Chapter, number 48 of the QCWA had a wonderful experience in April. We toured the Velocity Aircraft plant in Sebastian, FL. Velocities are kit models built mostly by the buyers, at least 51% worth. This keeps the cost way down and gives the builder a tremendous sense of accomplishment. There are 3 different models of the Velocity that cruise from 187 to 205mph and have a range of up to 1000 miles. They are a "pusher" type aircraft with a canard in front and a rear wing. A beautiful aircraft in every way. Look them up on:

[www.velocityaircraft.com](http://www.velocityaircraft.com). Fourteen of us took the tour; three of our group were pilots and were duly impressed. Lunch afterwards, at Woody's Bar-B-Q, was attended by the group and four more latecomers, making eighteen in all.

**"Woody" Anderson, K4EBK, Secretary**



Members of Chapter 48, "The Treasur Coast Chapter" outside the Velocity Aircraft Factory in Sebastian, FL.



Lunch at "Woody's" after the Velocity Aircraft Factory tour.

## **Chapter 53, Suncoast (FL)**

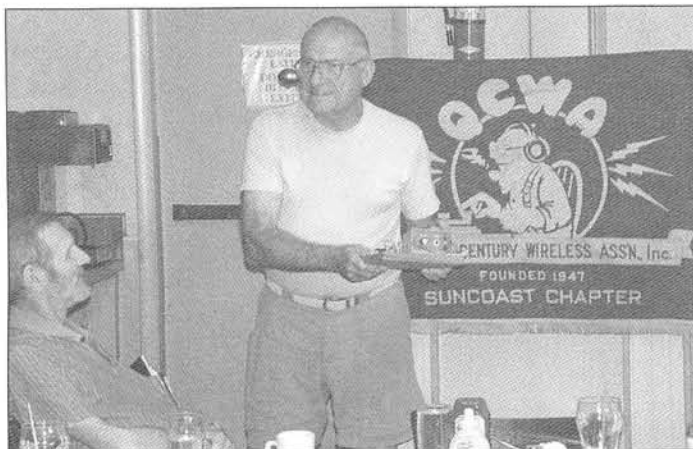
We had 31 members and guests in attendance at our April 4th luncheon/meeting. This was our Auction Meeting, and the action got under way following our short business meeting. A plethora of items were offered by our members, ranging from several mementos which had belonged to our late President Emeritus Frank Lester, W4AMJ, to an electronic dart board and some fine little computers. Joe Thiel, WA1VNP; and Stew Haag, W4MO were among the most active of the volunteer auctioneers. A good time was had by all, with several members suggesting that this be an annual Chapter 53 event.

By the time our May 2nd meeting rolled around, most of our Snowbird members were gone for the summer, such that only 19 members and guests enjoyed the brotherhood of this luncheon. Being that this was the last meeting of the season, no program was scheduled. However, each member was asked to share with us their plans for the summer.



Jack Parsons, K30TY, auctioned off International-style air mail envelopes at a bargain price, and the shocked expression by Lamar Graham, W4FKR, suggests that Lamar recently bought some at a much higher price.





**Stew Haag, W4MO, has the attention of Lou Mallow, AG4OD, as he offers this mint condition Heathkit code oscillator and straight keyboard-mounted and ready to go.**

A variety of comments were offered ranging from just "hanging in there" to plans for new towers and European trips. With luck, some of these plans will evolve into interesting programs for our 2007-2008 season.

From October through May, Suncoast Chapter 53 meets at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL, at 11:30 AM the first Wednesday of the month. We also have informal lunches, on the same schedule, June through September, at the Panda Pavilion in Venice, FL. All QCWA members living in, or visiting, the Florida Suncoast area are always welcome. Please contact the undersigned at w4js@juno.com if you would like to join with us.

**Jack Sproat, W4JS, President**

## **Chapter 62, Ocala (FL)**

Officers for 2007 are: President: Ken Simpson, W8EK; Vice President: Dave Delie, NA8S; Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary: Sue Simpson, N8AJU; Recording Secretary: Ron Toller, N4US.

We are now having meetings once a month, on the fourth Thursday of the month, at alternating locations. The regular meeting (which includes the business meeting) is on the even-numbered months (February, April, etc.) as has been the situation in the past. That meeting is at 11:30 AM, and is being held at the Golden Corral, on Route 200, near 17th Street, in Ocala. An additional meeting has been added on the odd-numbered months (January, March, etc.). This meeting is at 5 PM, so those members still working may have an opportunity to attend. It is being held at Johnnie's Restaurant, on Route 200, SW of town, near the fire station.

Guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you are visiting Florida, please stop by and see us.

At the January meeting, the Chapter endorsed recommending Stephen Simpson, KC8IOY, for various scholar-



**Ken Simpson, W8EK, President of Chapter 62, (R) presents 50-Year Certificates to Len Lukas, W1GFX (left) and Al Reeves, W1JHU (middle).**



**Ben Russel, N6SL (left), receives 60-Year Certificate from Chapter 62 President, Ken Simpson, W8EK (right).**

ships. Stephen is the son of Ken, W8EK; and Sue, N8AJU, Simpson, and the grandson of Hugh, WA8ETW Simpson. Stephen will be graduating from Central Florida Community College in May with four degrees, and will be attending the University of Florida in the fall.

At the February meeting, it was announced that Maurice, W4CEO, has now become N4LZ. In addition, Earl, K4LSB, passed his extra class test.

During the April meeting, Ben Russel, N6SL, was presented with a 60-Year Certificate. Many members commented on various DX that they had worked. It seems that many Chapter members worked N8S on Swain Island. PLEASE SEE page 11 of this issue for a photo of Ken, W8EK, receiving his Presidential Award.

**Ken Simpson, W8EK**

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## **Chapter 65, Niagara Frontier (NY)**

The Niagara Frontier Chapter welcomes Ron Gilson, WA2WWK, to our ranks. Ron is a very personable and intelligent fellow and we are lucky to have snagged him.

Unfortunately, we are losing another popular local member to the (very) sunny South. Harry Kopp, K2YZO, has moved to the Phoenix area. We're gonna miss you, Harry. Now here is a ham who has his priorities straight. Harry purchased his home and made sure he already had his antennas up even before he moved to his new QTH.

Since my digital camera decided to give up the ghost, you are being treated to some very dated pictures of two of our Silent Keys. This is a good opportunity to remember them. The picture of W2EWT is from when he was a shipboard radio operator on the Great Lakes in the 1930s. You can find this, and a whole lot more, at an extremely interesting website. It's called the Inland Marine Radio History Archive, and it's creator is Tom McKee, K4ZAD. Check it out. You will not be disappointed. You can find it at [IMRA-DIOHA.ORG](http://IMRA-DIOHA.ORG).

We still have the same regulars on our weekly net at 3900 KHZ Sunday at 1330 local time. We need more of our members to join us, or on our 147.430 simplex frequency. If any of our members need some assistance, reach out to other members. We will try to work out some way to



*Here is Bill Hope, W2EWT (SK), wireless shipboard operator on the Great Lakes in the 1930s.*



*Here is an archive photo of Ray (Slim) Griswold, W2SD (SK), founding President of Chapter 65.*

get you back on the air.

As always, Chapter members are encouraged to invite their ham buddies to join us. We can all be active in our recruitment efforts. Also, we welcome any "tidbits" for submission for our Journal reports. We all have interesting current or past stories to tell. After all, we are all hams!

You should expect to be contacted if you have fallen by the wayside. We haven't seen some of our members in a while, and some have joined, but have never got together with the group. We would like to change that. Reserve the second Saturday of the month at noon for our luncheon at Brennan's at Main and Transit in Williamsville., NY.

***Larry Rybacki, WA2ARA, President/Secretary***

## **Chapter 67, Austin (TX)**

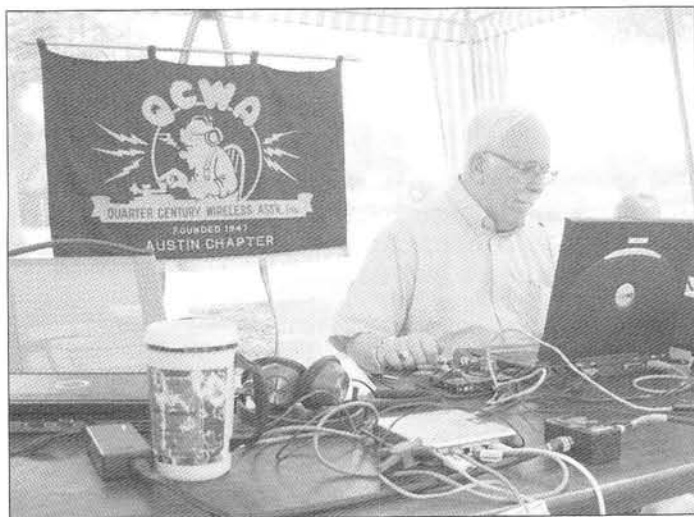
Chapter 67 has been meeting on the third Saturday of each month at Denny's on North Burnet Rd. in Austin, Texas. There are currently 24 active members. The Chapter President is Bil Henson, WB5SYS; the Vice President is Hank Belopavlovich, WA5ZLI; the Secretary is Milt Cram, W8NUE, and the Treasurer is Roger Wines W5WIA. The Board of Directors is made up of Smokey Wiley, K5RDJ; Hal Henegar, W5MDL; and newly-elected Pete Jordahl, K5GM; and Curt Goodson, W4QBU.

Recent events for Chapter 67 have included: Providing communications and weather APRS beacons for the BP MS-150K Bicycle Race from Houston to Austin, where over 13,000 cyclists raised funds for Muscular Sclerosis research. Chapter 67 handled tour and medical traffic at the Bastrop Lunch Stop, as it has for the past 6 years.

Providing communications at the Tour De Cure Bicycle Race, a fund raiser for Diabetes research, from San Antonio



*Chapter 67 Meeting at Denny's in North Austin.*



*Pete Jordahl staying dry and making 200 CW contacts in only 4 hours on Field Day for the Austin Amateur Radio Club.*

to Austin, TX at the Crossroads rest stop.

Covering communications at the 3M Half-Marathon and Relay, a benefit for the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas.

A Ham Radio presentation to Pflugerville Elementary School second grade students for Social Studies unit on communication.

Beginning groundwork for sponsoring a local high school's first Ham Radio Club as organized by the ARRL Amateur Radio Education Project, also known as the Big Project.

Participating in 2007 Field Day at Austin Anderson High School grounds, where our own Pete Jordahl scored 400 points in CW contacts in 4 hours.

**Bil Henson, WB5SYS, President**

## **Chapter 70, National Capital (ON)**

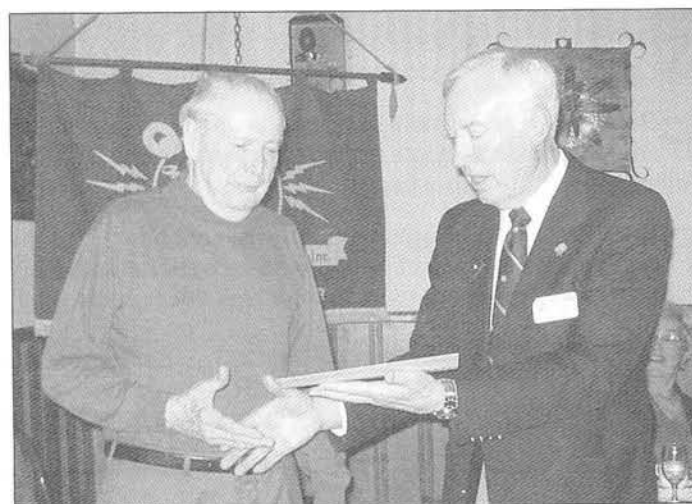
Our May dinner meeting, spouses' night with 66 members and spouses in attendance, saw a number of members pre-

sented with certificates and pins. Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, was awarded a Century Certificate and Rod Newkirk, VA3ZBB, a 70-Year Certificate and pin. Rod, as W9BRD, formerly edited the "How's DX?" column in QST.

The guest speaker was Ernie Brown, VA3OEB, who spoke on the Northwest Staging Route. During the Second World War, Ernie served in the Merchant Marine and later with the Department of Transport. He was stationed at Aishihik in the Yukon Territory which served as a station on the staging route. The route was used to help ferry aircraft from Canada and the USA to the Soviet Union, and stations a hundred miles or so apart provided radio ranging and direction as well as weather reports and emergency service. The Radio Range frequencies were 200-400 kHz, with Air to Ground communication at 3105 or 6210kHz. Inter-station contacts were made by 15-20wpm CW on 6-8mHz. A 4-course Radio Range would transmit A and N Morse characters from 4 different towers 125 to 500 feet apart. When



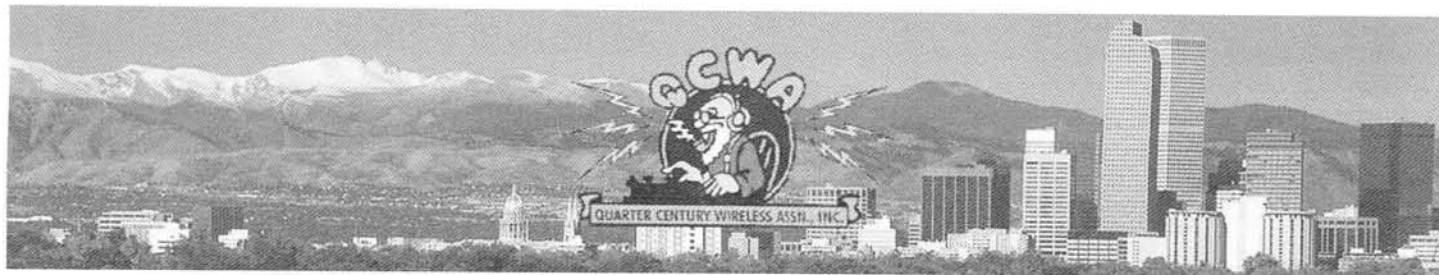
*Doug Leach, VE3XK (R), presenting a 70-Year Certificate to Rod Newkirk, VA3ZBB (formerly W9BRD) (L) and a 60-Year Certificate and pin to Ralph Cameron, VE3BBM (C).*



*Doug Leach, VE3XK (R), presenting a 70-Year Certificate to Rod Newkirk, VA3ZBB (formerly W9BRD).*

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# Kick-off the **60<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary of the Quarter Century Wireless Association in **Denver, Colorado** at the **2007 International QCWA Convention** **4 - 7 October 2007**

<http://qcwa-58.rmhcw.org/convention/>

**H** **HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:** The Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207 - A block of single or double rooms are available for \$113.70 (\$99.00 + taxes). For reservations, call the Hotel toll-free at 1-800-222-TREE (8733) or 303-321-3333 (locally) and mention QCWA2007 for this special rate. The hotel has a complementary airport shuttle, restaurant, fitness center, high-speed internet, as well as many other amenities to help make your visit an enjoyable one.

**A** **CTIVITIES:** Informational and entertaining presentations and seminars on Friday and Saturday, including: Station Grounding Procedures, the QCWA Forum, Health and Safety Tips for the Shack, Amateur Radio Operations from the South Pole, an IARU Update, and much more! Friday night's Meet & Greet will feature The 4th U.S. Artillery Regimental Brass Band for your listening pleasure while you mingle. Check the web site to see the schedule as it develops.

**T** **OURS:** An exciting variety of tours and activities are available here in Colorful Colorado. Although difficult to choose what to highlight, your host Chapter has arranged an impressive selection for you including:

- **Thursday:** Bus tours to the Black Hawk and Central City Gambling Casinos, shuttle buses for shopping galore at one of Denver's newest shopping centers as well as the famous 16th Street Mall in downtown Denver,
- **Friday:** The Denver Mint and Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum,
- **Saturday:** the famous Georgetown Loop Rail Road, and
- **Sunday:** A visit to the United States Air Force Academy, lunch at Colorado Springs' Garden of the Gods, topped (literally) with a trip to the summit of 14,110 foot Pikes Peak via the world famous Cog Railway (check your health and altitude precautions).

**A** **TTRACTIONS:** If our scheduled tours don't interest you, Colorado certainly has much more to offer... museums, zoo, parks, shopping, Rocky Mountains Majesty,... way too many to list. Check our web links for just a few of the many activities you can easily find and enjoy on your own.

**S** **OUVENIRS:** Be sure to get your QCWA 60th Anniversary commemorative pin, available NOW (see web site), or at a discount with your Convention registration. Many other collectable items will be available at the convention.

**P** **RIZES:** An assortment of drawings and door prizes are planned. We are grateful to our many sponsors and contributors who, with their support, are helping to make the QCWA 2007 Convention a memorable one, and kicking-off QCWA's 60th Anniversary year with a bang!

**R** **EGISTRATION:** Registration is available now! Use the Registration Form in this issue, or download it from the internet and print out a blank copy to complete by hand or fill it in on your computer to print a legible copy to mail with your payment. Your form and payment must be received through the mail to confirm your registration.



**Y** **OUR HOST:** Established on 11 November 1971, COLORADO CHAPTER 58, is proud to welcome you to **COLORFUL COLORADO** and our **ROCKY MOUNTAINS HIGH !**





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## Registration

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| Spouse Registration .....                                              | _____ @  | \$ 5.00 = | _____                  |
| Guest / Friend Registration .....                                      | _____ @  | \$20.00 = | _____                  |
| Youth Registration (under 18) .....                                    | _____ @  | \$10.00 = | _____                  |
| Friday "Meet & Greet" .....                                            | _____ @  | \$24.00 = | _____                  |
| Saturday Banquet .....                                                 | _____ @  | \$45.00 = | _____                  |
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| Saturday Tour (Georgetown Loop Rail Road) .....                        | _____ @  | \$35.00 = | _____                  |
| Sunday Tour (Air Force Academy/Garden of the Gods/Pikes Peak) .....    | _____ @  | \$95.00 = | _____                  |
| Commemorative 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention Pin .....        | _____ @  | \$ 5.00 = | _____                  |
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Make checks or Money Orders payable to "QCWA 2007 Convention" and send to: Jim Lewis WB0VYH,  
Chapter 58 Secretary/Treasurer, 747 South Dearborn Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80012-3701

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a pilot heard a steady tone, this would provide the course heading to be followed for that leg. By means of phasing, other course headings could also be transmitted. Ernie noted that many of the ferry pilots were women, and that while the staging route afforded help in North America, in Soviet airspace pilots were sometimes lost to bad weather or mechanical failure. Thousands of aircraft were delivered to the front by means of the Northwest Staging Route. Past-president Joe Parkinson thanked Ernie for his engrossing talk on this interesting aspect of radio and military history."

I was asked to note a SK, John (Ian) MacIntyre, VE3CZ, who died July 3, 2007 (QCWA #9391).

**Robert MacKenzie, VA3RKM (Acting Secretary)**

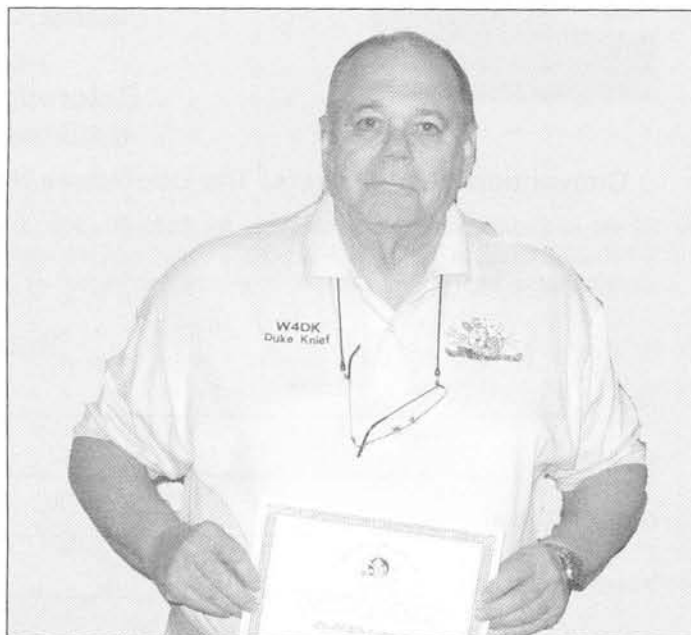
## **Chapter 76, Blue Ridge (NC)**

As I write, we're looking forward to the first day of summer to be followed closely by the ARRL Field Day. Even if you can't participate, I hope you could get to a Field Day site, sign the register and offer a few words of encouragement to the operating hams. In case you missed our weather reports, spring brought the Carolina mountains a very late hard freeze that destroyed the local apple crop for this year. Much of the foliage on trees and shrubs were very late to recover.

Chapter 76 continues with our two monthly meetings...the first, a formal meeting with a guest speaker and the second, a small get-together for lunch. Our Saturday morning net on 3.740 Mhz at 0845 local time continues to draw many members and other non-Chapter check-ins.

Our April meeting was addressed by Kate Stockman of the Dispute Settlement Center for Henderson County. An informative talk with information many of us didn't have.

In May, Tim Slay, N4IB, ARRL SM for the North Carolina Section, was with us and filled us in on current ARRL happenings. Tim (also a QCWA member) mentioned



*Duke Knief, W4DK, with Century Club Certificate.*



*(L) Tom Hewlett, W5KRL, 60-Year Certificate; (C) Walter Wernsing, K04JN, 50-Year Certificate; and (R) Doug Lee, W9SPC, 55-Year Certificate.*



*(L) Jim Harrison, W4TFT, 55-Year Certificate; (C) Jeff Kelly, K4JAB; and (R) Ronnie Parham, K2SST, 50-Year Certificate.*



*Meritorious Award presented to Al Abercrombie, W2GJS (L), by Jeff Kelly, K4JAB, Secretary.*



a PRB-1 type bill working it's way through the NC legislature. UPDATE: That bill passed the entire NC House and more recently, the NC Senate Committee on Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship both by unanimous votes. It is expected to easily pass the entire Senate and be signed thereafter by Governor Easley.

Our June meeting provided us with information on Navy MARS presented by Lee Mager, KN4GC, who is the Navy MARS Director for North Carolina. Lots of info on policies, procedures and happenings. A few of our members are current members of Navy MARS, many more are with Army or Air Force MARS.

Unfortunately, all the news this quarter was not good as we were informed that long-time member Herm Fabert, W9FHW, had become a SK.

We were pleased to recognize the longevity and service of several of our members. Unfortunately, many couldn't get to our meetings. Others are just plain camera shy and ducked out of the photo ops! What pictures we managed to snap are attached. The following is a rundown of the Awards for 2007.

A well-deserved Meritorious Service Award from Chapter 76 to Al Abercrombie, W2GJS.

Century Club Certificates to Chuck Erlandsen, K4HPV, Emory Jackson, K4KIZ; and Duke Knief, W4DK.

50-Year Certificates to Ronnie Parham, K2SST and Walter Wernsing, KO4JN.

55-Year Certificate to Jim Harrison, W4TFT; Harold Johnson, W4ZCB; Lloyd Kidwell, W4LSK; Alan Nielsen, K2GRO; Emory Jackson, K4KIZ; Sig Jordahl, W0BRD; and Doug Lee, W9SPC.

60-Year Certificates to Herm Fabert, W9FHW (SK), Lee Cookman, K2ACE, and Tom Hewlett, W5KRL.

A 70-Year Certificate was presented to Bill Deily, W8YA.

That's it for this quarter. If you're visiting our beautiful area, stop by one of our meetings for a bit of fellowship. If you need directions, w4dk@arrl.net.

**Duke Knief, W4DK**

## **Chapter 85, Ark-La-Tex (LA)**

Officers for 2007 are: President - Roger Ley, WA9PZL; Vice-President - Lawrence Lea, W5PQ; and Secretary/Treasurer - John Stewart, AA5KV. Discussions at our first meeting centered on plans for the upcoming year. We hope this will be a hallmark year for Chapter 85, beginning with a membership campaign.

Our newest member is Jim Howard, K5TC. Jim brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the club and we are very happy to have him as a member. Jim is a Life Member of QCWA. He and his wife Betty live in

Shreveport.

Kudos to Mike, WB5LJQ; and Marilyn McCrary, W5ADM, for implementing the first D-Star gateway in the Shreveport/Bossier area. W5SHV is located on the AmSouth Building in downtown Shreveport and is now QRV on 147.36 (+), 442.00 (+) and 1293 (-) MHz (voice only). The 23 cm data module will be activated soon. Mike demonstrated the capabilities of D-Star at a recent Chapter meeting by contacting Mark Holmes, KJ4VO in the Atlanta, Georgia area from our meeting room at the Bossier City Library. W5SHV will be a great resource for the area.

We invite anyone in the area to join our informal luncheons on Thursdays at Luby's Cafeteria in Bossier City. We begin around 11 AM.

The 146.67 (N5JH) repeater is now in full operation. The repeater, which belongs to the Amateur Radio Club of Shreveport (ARCOS), sits atop a local TV tower at approximately 1100 feet and has the longest range of any repeater in the area. Our weekly nets are conducted on the N5JH repeater and it allows members in outlying areas to participate in the net. We are grateful to repeater custodian, John Hitt, N5JH; as well as John Mussey, N5FJ; and Billy Sullivan, KB5PKW, for getting the repeater back on the air. We are also grateful to ARCOS for use of the repeater.

The Chapter is now in possession of our QCWA banner. We hope to display it at upcoming area hamfests.

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**John Stewart, AA5KV, Secretary**

## **Chapter 89, Palmetto (SC)**

South Carolina Palmetto Chapter 89 met at Ryons Steak House on Bower Parkway in Columbia on Saturday, June 16th.

We welcome 3 new members since the first of the year and look forward to them becoming active in our Chapter.

An informal get-together was followed by a program and discussion of the recent Simulated Emergency Test. Bryce Myers, K4LXF, gave us an in-depth report on the simulated disaster. An earthquake that devastated Charleston was the center of the emergency. Although the VHF link is not activated statewide as yet, the linked repeaters in the Charleston area are up and running with the exception of the one on Monks Corner.

The statewide VHF link is in the process of being installed where the various hospitals in the state will be connected in one network. Progress is reported and it is anticipated that all the repeaters will be up and running by the fall.

The next meeting will be the last Saturday in September



*Joe Rostrom (L), and Jim Hill, Sec/Treas, having an eyeball QSO at the meeting.*

at Ryan's Steak House on Bowers Parkway, across from Sams Club in Columbia. Come on out and enjoy a get-together with the old hams and get acquainted with some new faces. See you there!

**Ralph Mott, N4RM**

## **Chapter 91, Vic Clark (VA)**

Since the stories and photo albums covering all of our Chapter's recent events are found on our website: <http://homepage.mac.com/rucker/chapter91/>, only a capsule summary of each recent event follows.

April: On 15 April, twenty-three members and their guests toured the College Park Aviation Museum on the grounds of historic College Park Airport near the campus of the University of Maryland. Later we enjoyed a leisurely repast at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant nearby.

While inbound to the Museum, we switched to the 146.88 MHz Greenbelt repeater, and Len Hook, KG6ZR, made contact with Paul Freirich, W3HFA. Paul, who told us he was "pedestrian mobile," welcomed us to the repeater and provided us with helpful directions to the Museum. Paul later met up with us and joined our group for the tour and lunch afterwards. We thoroughly enjoyed his company!

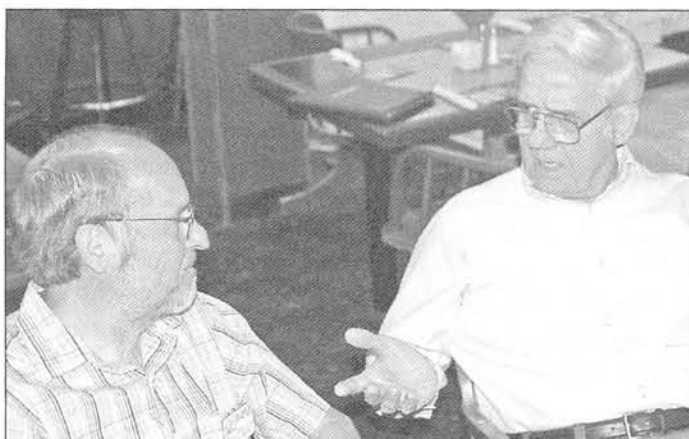
The photo, by Ken Pinion, N4KP, captures a talking "Wilbur Wright" robot telling about his and Orville's experiences developing the Wright Flyer.

At the restaurant, our excellent waiter, Carter Hickman, mentioned that he is the son of Tim Hickman, N3JON. He later told about using his dad's ATV gear to show images of a flight simulator running on his computer to other hams.

May: Our featured speaker after lunch was Jack French, author of a new book "Private Eyelashes." It's about the female "private eyes" who starred on old-time radio. According to one reviewer who gave the book 5 stars, it tells about: "Della Street of Perry Mason, Pam North of Mr.



*Marine Corps Museum.*



*Member Phil Paulin & Jack French.*

and Mrs. North, Candy Matson... and about such less-well-known characters such as Sara Berner of Sara's Private Caper, Irene Delroy of Transcontinental Murder Mystery, Barbara Sutton of The Black Hood and many others."

John Reiser, WQ4L, introduced Jack as an authority on early radio shows and a leading member of the Metropolitan Washington Old Time Radio Club. At their monthly meetings, Jack usually presents a radio show from his collection, many of which John – who is also a devotee – hasn't heard before. Jack's also a stage performer having appeared in a number of local productions.

The photo, also by Ken Pinion, shows Phil Paulin, W4PXP, chatting with Jack French.

June: About 25 Chapter members and their guests toured the National Museum of the Marine Corps which is located in the town of Triangle, VA, just off I-95 and 36 miles south of Washington, D.C. Afterward, we ate a fine lunch in the Museum's mess hall where the servings were Marine-sized and excellently prepared.

From the parking lot, one takes in the Museum and its roof, a tetrahedron-shaped canopy of steel and glass, pierced by 210 foot spire angling off and up to the northwest. The latter suggested to my mind a raised sword, but in fact it was suggested by the raising of the flag on Mount

Suribachi during the battle for Iwo Jima in WWII.

Our tour guide spoke non-stop for almost two hours about the history of the Marines and the exhibits that we passed.

For more about these events and the photo albums covering them, please visit our website.

**Dick Rucker, KM4ML**

## **Chapter 102, Dakota (ND/SD)**

In January, Chapter member Scott Rausch, WA0VKC, was appointed a Net Control Station for the South Dakota Evening Phone Net which meets daily on 3860 kHz at 5:00pm mountain time. This net has been meeting daily since 1952. Chapter member Scott Rausch, WA0VKC, came out of retirement from January through May to become a part time faculty member in the Electrical Engineering department at the SD School of Mines and Technology. Scott taught a sophomore level course titled "Circuits II" which covered AC power, 3 phase power, magnetic circuits, frequency response, Laplace transforms and the Fourier series. Many amateur radio examples and demonstrations were used in the class.

Frank, NU0F; and Dan, W0NBX, continue to be active VE Examiners and were part of the local area VE team who administered test on June 9th. Frank who is our club call sign trustee and Secretary/Treasurer Cory completed renewal paper work for our Chapter's club call sign, W0DAK, and submitted it to ARRL. The FCC approved the renewal and the license is now good until the year 2017. Other Chapter members were part of the group of hams who provided emergency communications at the Annual Crazy Horse Mountain Memorial Volksmarch.

Scott, WA0VKC, also assisted with the Youth Engineering Adventure, an engineering summer camp for high school students hosted by the SD School of Mines. 47 students attended the camp, which included projects from several engineering disciplines. This is the 7th year that Scott has assisted with the camp.

The Northern Hills ARC continued a project initiated last year to identify silent keys interred in the Black Hills National Cemetery. On Memorial Day, flowers were placed on the graves of amateurs. To date, 33 hams have been identified. Scott Rausch, WA0VKC, assisted with placement of the flowers. Information can be found at <http://www.wa0vkc.com>.

**Frank Shaw, NU0F, President**

## **Chapter 108, Willamette Valley (OR)**

Our second quarterly meeting at the Yaquina Bay



*Chapter 108 members who have received their 50 Years of Licensing Certificates. (Left to right) Bob Morgan, W7UNV; Mel McGregor, W7ICL; Dee Morgan, W7LVG; Del Glaser, W7ZQN; Chuck Austin, W7LBV; Alan Robinson, W4LKE; and Roger Gates, W7KVT.*

Restaurant was chaired by the Secretary/Treasurer, W7KVT; as our President, Howard Honig, WB7OK, was recovering from a recent surgery. A copy of the restaurant menu was passed around so the members present could write a personal note to Howard.

Between the formal meeting and the program, pictures were taken of the seven Chapter members who have received their 50 Years of Licensing Certificates.

A very interesting program on Dxing was presented by Harlan Neal, N7HN. Harlan has worked them all and is #1 on the DX Honor Roll, as well as having been active on several Dxpeditions. I think we all gleaned a tip or two on working that next rare one!

Our weekly Net meets on Wednesday mornings at 0800 local on 3854kHz. If you happen to be in the area please drop in for a chat. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Roger Gates, W7KVT, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **Chapter 112, Yankee (MA)**

The Chapter's Annual Meeting was held at the Chateau Restaurant in Norton, MA. After extensive reports by the officers and committee chairs, Chapter elections were held. Elected for a second term were Janice Lentz, K4UJ, Secretary; Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD, Treasurer; Tony Manna, WA1ENO, Vice President; and Bob Smith, KK3P, President.

Anniversary Awards were presented to Joe Santangelo, N1JS, 70 years; and W. Ernest Bosselman, W1DO, 65 years. Merrill Budlong, W1MB; and Joseph Volpe, K1JV, received 60-Year Certificates. 55-Year Certificates were presented to Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD; Peter C. Card, W1WDD; and Robert Wood, W1VYI. A 50-Year Certificate was presented to Mike Goldberg, K1IJN.



A Volunteer Service Award was presented to the Director of our Sunday morning net, David Rego, W1GCA. The Chapter received a letter of thanks from Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, for flowers sent to celebrate his 100th birthday. The Chapter is looking forward to joining the Twin State Chapter at their picnic on July 28th.

*Janice Lentz, K4IJK, Secretary*

## **Chapter 119, Tidewater (VA)**

Beginning the Second Quarter with the wrap-up of the QCWA Spring QSO Party, we note that several Chapter 119 members participated in this event. Scores and the Chapter Achievement Award status will have to wait for the announcement of contest scores. Chapter 119 equipped itself well in this event, even as we note that there seemed to be strong participation from all over the US and from DX entities as well. That's really good news and bodes very well for this activity. WQ4CWA was on the air during the contest operated by W4VIC and Vic claimed a 5,670 point raw score. All QSO's have been uploaded to Logbook of the World. Please send a SASE for a return QSL card.

Contesting and DX chasing and going to meetings seems to keep many Chapter 119 members and friends busy. The Second Quarter Membership Meeting was held in June, with a good turnout for the meeting. Frankie's Place for Ribs, 5200 Fairfield Shopping Center, at the corner of Kempsville Road and Providence Road in Virginia Beach, VA has proved to be a wonderful meeting place and there have been absolutely no complaints about the food! If you should be visiting Virginia Beach on the Third Friday of any month please join us for our monthly informal get-together. We meet at 12:00 noon and frequently keep gabbing into the early afternoon. We hope to see you there.



*Chapter 119 member Chester, WB2STN, aboard Sea Call. Chester sits in the Bumkin seat over the windvane servo steering mechanism aboard the ocean sailing yacht Sea Call.*



*Chapter 119 member Chester, WB2STN, and Sylvia aboard Sea Call. Chester and Sylvia make ready to cast off as they continue their journey North along the Atlantic Seaboard.*

We would also like to hear from you on our Chapter 119 HF net, listed in Chapters On The Air in the back of the Journal. Our HF and VHF nets are doing very well on Sunday mornings with check-ins from all around the region.

At the end of the Second Quarter we are reminded of the members of Chapter 119 who now live out of town and whom we do not have the opportunity to see very often. Lee Ruetz, WA5RDO. and his spouse Jackie come to mind, as do Chester Trent, WB2STN. and his spouse, Sylvia. We also have several members who do not live in the immediate area, but whom we see on some special occasions: David, K4DA; Larry, W3MGL; Doc Brown, W4OUK; Wally, K4OGT; Smokehouse, K4ASI; Scott, K4VWK; Walt, W4HM; Tom, N4ATV; Alan, K4AWM; Ken, NU4I; Tom, K4AEN; Harvey, KA4SSH; Dick, K4DHO; Gene, W4CKP; Everett, W4WJJ; and our very special HF net control, Bob, K4JDJ – all these fellows make up a very special contingent within QCWA Chapter 119 and we are exceedingly proud of every one of them. It is always a treat on the rare occasion when they come to town and we have an excuse for a special meeting, dinner, or whatever occasion the traffic will bear.

Chester, WB2STN, has a very wonderful ocean-going sail boat which he sails all around the Western Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. Chester and Sylvia recently paid a sailboat visit to Chapter 119 and we had one of those hastily arranged special dinners. Pictures of Chester, Sylvia, and SEA CALL are included with this story.

*Vic Culver, W4VIC, Secretary/Treasurer*

## **Chapter 120, Quarter Century Wireless Women, QCWW**

Chapter President Janice Lentz, K4IJK, sends her greetings to everyone during her first year leading the QCWW

group: "Although I have filled in for Carolyn a few times at the annual meeting, I am looking forward to meeting the gang at our meeting during the Denver Convention and hope to see all of you there. Our winter here in New England was mild and the summer is starting off cool. I know there will be many warm days ahead. 73, Janice Lentz."

We will be posting our newsletters on our WEB page - <http://www.qsl.net/qcwa120/> - hopefully on a quarterly basis. Thanks to our personal webmaster, Bob Roske, NØUF, we have listed the minutes from the 1997 through 2006 Annual Meetings, pictures and a list of members. I have a number of other annual meeting photos that can be added to our home page. Please surf over to the site and see what we have. If you see something that should be corrected or if you have an idea of how to enhance the page, please let me know by email to [wa9jmo@wi.net](mailto:wa9jmo@wi.net) or drop a note to: Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, 5400 Six Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402.

I am looking forward to the Denver Convention - our Sixtieth, in beautiful Denver, Colorado. There are some nice tours on the schedule, our annual meeting, and a lot of nice people to meet and greet. I hope to see many of you there 4-7 October 2007.

*Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, Treasurer*

## **Chapter 126, Piedmont (NC)**

The QCWA Piedmont Chapter 126, QCWA met on Saturday, June 9, 2007 at the Classic Restaurant in Denton, NC. There were 22 members and guests present. At 11am the Board discussed the issue of the September meeting. Recently we have met in the Raleigh - Durham area but with light turnout. Other locations such as Lillington, Siler City or Raleigh were discussed. Wes Jones had indicated there might be some interest in car-pooling for the trip to the meeting in the Raleigh area. Jack Emerson will check on some possibilities. We also discussed having a meeting on an off month primarily for the eastern NC members and other Chapter members. The December 1 meeting is being planned for Lexington, NC at Yarborough's Restaurant, where Jeff Wittich, AC4ZO, will present a program on the history of Samuel Morse of Morse Code fame, along with some keys and bugs from his extensive collection.

Treasurer Billy Stewart, recovering from back surgery, was absent but had sent in his report. Our condolences also go to member John, W4CC, who is recovering from illness. An invitation letter will be sent to new QCWA member Lawrence Strasser, K2LS, of Greensboro, NC. VP Jack Emerson stated that our Chapter should stress the QCWA QSO Parties in early April and September.

The general meeting began at noon. Joe Brown,

W4ONJ, read a poem and then said grace. President Chuck made a few announcements: he thanked Weldon Fields, W4AJT, for arranging the meeting place; then expressed the Chapter's condolences at the passing of Weldon's wife, Mickey, on 5-30-07. Glenn Johnson, N4HHH, of Buies Creek, NC is our newest Chapter member. The Secretary read the net report and Treasurer's report. We averaged about 12 checkins a week over the last quarter with W4DGJ and N4UH making all nets and K1AF, K4MK, and W4WXZ missing one session. Chuck provided fliers' showing what ham activities were going on in the triangle area concerning Central Carolina Skywarn and licensing classes. He asked to be advised if you were not receiving the electronic copy of the QCWacker. He also provided a copy from the National QCWA Website of awards available to all members. The Chapter would like to recognize those members who qualify but certain awards require the member to provide the necessary documentation to Headquarters. Chapter 126 Life Membership is available. We then had a discussion about purchasing a "brick" for the new terrace at ARRL HQ. The motion was made and seconded that we expend the funds for a brick for the Piedmont Chapter. The motion was unanimously approved.

After a fine meal, VP Jack reminded everyone of the QCWA QSO Parties. He then advised that there is an operating award, for members and non-members, from QCWA HQ celebrating the 60th year of the QCWA. Read the details on the National Website. It runs through June 30, 2008. Judy Brydges, YL of W4WXZ, won the 50/50 drawing.

"Mac" MacAulay, WQ8U, was introduced as our speaker. His topic was Amateur Radio Gear of Yesteryear, boat anchors and computers. Mac did a slide presentation of his collection of Viking, Heath Kit, National, Drake, Hallicrafters, Hammarlund and other equipment. After taking us on a trip down memory lane, Mac then jumped into issues with current equipment that is computer driven. Technology has produced smaller equipment, equipment with more features, but equipment that is less user-friendly.



*Piedmont Chapter 126 dinner meeting at the Classic Restaurant, Denton NC.*

He then went through a series of block diagrams showing how computers have taken over the operations of our equipment. That was followed by a series of block diagrams showing how we could use computers to aid us in operating equipment but not interfere with operations. Mac stated that when he moved from Dayton, OH to Hillsborough, NC he hauled 2200 pounds of radio gear equipment with him. We thank him for his interesting program and for bringing his neighbor and fellow Chapter member George, W4DGJ, with him.

After the program, it was announced that the next meeting would be in the Raleigh area on Sept. 8. The exact location is to be determined. We also discussed Charlotte as a potential location for more meetings and recruits. Ralph, WB4AQK, reminded us of the Salisbury hamfest on July 7. Rae, K4SWN, reminded us that the PRB-1 related Ham Radio Antennas Bill was presently going through the legislative process. We need to support HB 1340 and communicate with our representatives in the Legislature. The latest word on this legislation is that the full House and Senate have approved it so it should be NC law by the time you read this. He also gave us an update on the health of Billy Stewart, WA4PVI, our Treasurer. His back surgery took place a little too close to our meeting date but he is doing well.

**Charlie Swindell, WB4DCM, Secretary**

## **Chapter 138, Marconi (NJ)**

Marconi Chapter 138 held its annual awards dinner at the Spring Meadows Golf and Country Club in Wall, NJ on April 22, 2007. Service anniversary awards were presented to Marv Bernstein, W2PAT, 75 years; Bill Wadsworth, W2ZKE, 60 years; Harold Clanton, WB2CJE, 55 years; Al Schnabolk, W2OIB, 55 years; Joe Bailis, K2AJG, 50 years; Mike Reason, W2EXQ, 50 years; and John Krieg, K2ZGF,



*President Ron Olender, WA2H2T (right), presents the 75-year Anniversary Award to Marv Bernstein, W2PAT (left).*

50 years. Diamond Jubilee Awards (50 years continuously licensed and 75 years old) were presented to John Krieg, K2ZGF; and Bill Wadsworth, W2ZKE. Congratulations to all! New Officers to serve Chapter 138 for 2007-2008 were installed. They were: President, Ron Olender, WA2H2T; Vice President, Bernie Ricciardi, WB2EJT; Treasurer, Matt Bergoff, W2AOJ; and Secretary, Bob Buus, W2OD.

**Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**

## **Chapter 141, Amarillo (TX)**

Following several years of inactivity, Chapter 141 was reactivated in October of 2006. The first meeting attracted twelve past and current members. The group voted to have dinner meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Programs have included "Show & Tell", with members bringing items from their early days in amateur radio; "Ham Stations in the Movies"; "Most Treasured QSL Cards"; "Refurbishing Old Electronics"; and "My Adventures in Life and Amateur Radio" by Jim Musgrove, K5BZH. The May meeting was a guided tour of the USPS Sectional Center in Amarillo, with members seeing how those QSLs are processed, dispatched and received.

Members had a "Get Acquainted With QCWA" table at the Panhandle Amateur Radio Club's Picnic-Swapfest held on May 19th. QCWA hats, patches and decals were sold and several new members were signed up.

Chapter Officers include Brad Miskimen, N5LUL, President; and Tex Sumner, W5IEA, Treasurer. The Chapter's website at <http://almostangels.org/QCWA> features articles and photos from each monthly meeting.

**Gene Bitner, WA5ETK, Publicity Chairman**



*At the QCWA table: Jim, K5BZH; Carol, WD5DCZ; Gene, WA5ETK; Tex, W5IEA; Jerry, WB2UZT; and Brad, N5LUL.*



### **Chapter 146, Twin State Chapter (NH)**

The Twin State Chapter's annual "Spring Fling" was held at the Heritage Restaurant on April 28th, 2007 in Charlestown, NH. Nineteen members and guests attended. President Makul, introduced himself to the assemblage and asked everyone to give their name and a brief description of their days with amateur radio. We were honored to have National QCWA General Manager, Chuck Walbridge and his most adorable wife, Jan to join us for this meeting. Chuck gave us a brief synopsis on what was new at National Headquarters. Thank you, Chuck for helping Chapter 146 to remain on top of all of the activities at National. Don't forget that Colorado is the host for this year's National Convention in Denver, Colorado. If you would like further information, the latest QCWA Journal has all of the activities and prices for the Convention in October.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with all the New England Chapters being invited to our annual picnic on Mt. Tom in Holyoke, MA on July 28th.

There was no business forthcoming for the assemblage, so the meeting stood adjourned at 2:40PM.

Don't forget our 2 nets, one on Sunday at 8:30AM on 3.912mhz and Thursday at 7:00PM on 146.76mhz, Mt. Ascutney Repeater.

*Cheryl Breuning, WA1WEY, Secretary/Treasurer*

### **Chapter 149, Nutmeg (CT)**

The QCWA Nutmeg Chapter 149 held its May 12, 2007 meeting at Elizabeth's Restaurant in Rocky Hill, CT. President Al Cohen, W1FXQ, welcomed us at 12:30 pm. Twenty-five persons including members and guests, were present. It being the day before Mother's Day, all the ladies were each presented with a long-stemmed red rose. After self introductions, Al gave the invocation followed by a plenteous buffet with a large variety of choices.

The guest speaker was an award-winning investigative journalist, Lisa Backus, who detailed how she uncovered illicit drug use by young people in a nearby affluent town. The interest in her talk generated a great number of questions from the audience.

The election of officers for the upcoming year resulted in all the incumbents being reelected as follows: President, Al Cohen, W1FXQ; Vice President, Mark Mokoski, K1PU/VK2IFH; Treasurer, Gary Awsiekiewicz, K1MQ; Secretary, Tony Perrone, W1CGI. The Directors will again be Tom Evans, W1JC; Rich Monahan, K1FPP; and Luke Lauretano, KA1SE. The vote was unanimous for the above. Al read a letter from Carol Rooney thanking us for the nice time her father, Ed Nowak, W1FAJ, had at the last meeting where

he received his 75-Year Award. A moment of silence was observed for two members who are now silent keys: Ron Tidmarsh, K1UQV; and Roy Hilt, K1JNR.

Gary read the Treasurer's report which indicated that we have a balance of \$2503.13. Our next meeting will be held in Groton, CT.

We gave Al a big round of applause for the roses for all the ladies. Paul Taylor, K1AFI, called for the chef to take a bow as he complimented her for the excellent meal she prepared.

He also called for a big thank you to Kay Chaffee for buying the prizes for our meeting. Kay and Tony will shop for the prizes for the next meeting.

*Tony Perrone, Secretary*

### **Chapter 151, Wild Rose, ALBERTA**

We had a luncheon meeting on April 28th, 2007 at the German Canadian Club. There were a total of 30 in attendance, 28 members and friends plus 2 guests. A new member present was Marty Raine, VE6TS, of Edmonton. The Treasurer's report indicated we have a total of 57 members, of which 41 are full members and 16 friends.

Bob Roske, N0UF, won a three-year membership in Chapter 151 for designing the logo for the Convention.

Chapter 151, in partnership with the Calgary Communications Club, donated a total of \$600.00 to assist in purchasing Morse code equipment to support the Morse code education program at the Calgary Military Museums Society. This would illustrate the importance of Morse code communication during wartime. Each club donated \$300.00 and also will provide volunteers to demonstrate Morse code.

Earle Smith, VE6NM, the President of RAC, described the work of two committees reporting on "Restructuring Amateur Radio in Canada", an "Education Program" to attract young people to the hobby.

Our guest presenter, 17-year-old Allison McPhail, VA6FLY, gave an excellent presentation on her experience at the Johnston Space Centre near Houston, Texas. Allison spent 16 days in Houston where four teams designed space suits and living spaces etc. for a Mars mission. Allison plans to be the first lady on the moon.

*Jack Ambler, VE6CAQ, Secretary*

### **Chapter 162, Southeast Wisconsin (WI)**

On Tuesday, June 26, 2007, Chapter 162 awarded its first annual Spencer Clope, W9LDH, Memorial Scholarship of \$500 to Patrick Weeks, KB9ULT, a Junior attending Grove City College in Pennsylvania majoring in Business

Economics with an emphasis on Finance. Patrick, a former QCWA Scholarship recipient, holds an extra-class license and calls Racine, Wisconsin home. Congratulations Patrick! The picture shows our Vice President, Ron Fox, K9AKH, presenting the scholarship check to Patrick Weeks, KB9ULT.

The fourth full weekend in June found Chapter members engaged in our annual Field Day operations. Our goal is to set up and make one contact using QRP emergency power (solar charged storage batteries). I am happy and pleased to report that we exceeded our goal and made many contacts. We had a grand time operating out of two tents; the third was reserved for food, beverages, and meeting of the mind as the clan gathered to discuss "Field Days" of the past. We would like to thank Bonnie, WB9ZKX; and Gene, WB9ZKY, Haney, for the wonderful sandwiches; Lloyd Gorsiski, WB9RGO, for the ice; Ron Fox, K9AKH, for the sign-in table and Chapter Banner; Jim Hoffman, KA9LOK, for setting up his tent for our use; Ken Knoff, N9NBC, for the batteries, solar panels and antennas; and all the Chapter members for showing up, setting up and tearing down; and some came to operate and some to visit. We welcomed the visitors and enjoyed the camaraderie. We operated 4-A QRP Battery Wisconsin and had a wonderful outing again this year. And special thanks to Mark Swartwout, NX1K, our Secretary/Treasurer, who operated

the whole Field Day session – he may have grabbed a few hour's sleep on the floor of one of the tents during the wee hours while the rest of us were in our own warm beds.

Thanks Mark!

We have two new members – Dan Miller, KA9OIL; and Bob Liverson, WB9TNF; who joined the Chapter this year. Welcome!

**Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO**

## **Chapter 165, York County (PA)**

The annual family picnic and bi-monthly Chapter meeting for Chapter 165 was held June 16th. at the outdoor pavilion of the Keystone VHF Club in York, PA. There were 38 members, visitors, and family members present.

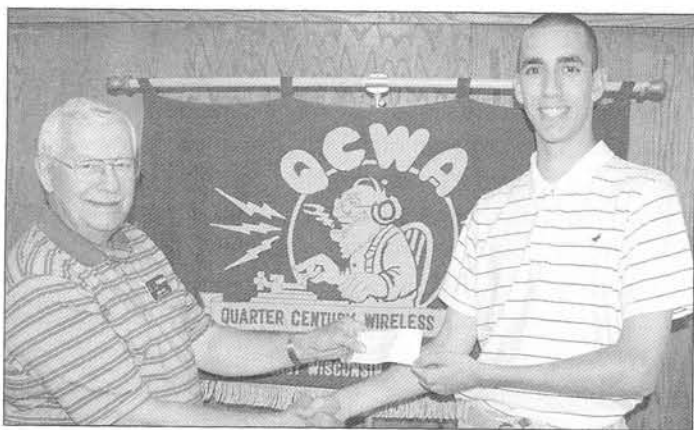
As has been our custom the Chapter provides the hamburgers and hot dogs and the members bring a covered dish. There is always plenty to eat. After the meal, we hold a short business meeting and then take a picture of the group to send for the Journal.

This year we had a special presentation to make. John Johnston, W3BE, our National President, had been scheduled to attend our picnic again this year to make the presentation. He had chosen Chip Morgan, N3IW,, for the Presidential Award for the work Chip has been doing with the telegraphers station at the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum at Strasburg, Pennsylvania. Chip has been working at the Museum for over a year to restore the audio tapes of old telegraphers sending American Morse. He has performed the job of re-enactor to actually perform the duties of a telegrapher during the weekends when there are hundreds of visitors in the Museum. Chip dresses like an authentic nineteenth-century telegrapher and actually sends messages in American Morse that are written by visitors at the Museum. In the picture, Chip is on the right seen receiving the Presidential Award from Ray Shaub, W3AXC, the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer.

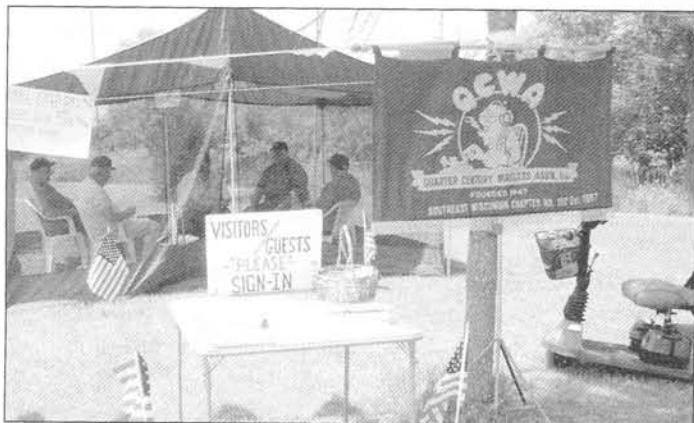
Seventeen members and visitors are shown in the group picture they are. Left to right in the front row. Charles Arnold, W3PRG; Carey Green, K3ILB; Bob Hager, K3HOX; Bill Barefoot, W3UQJ. In the rear rows left to right. Larry Fettrow, W3LSV; Tim Barefoot, AA3BJ; Ray Shaub, W3AXC; Bob Riese, K3DJC; Tim Burk, WA3KYD; Steve Steffen, WB3EFH; Stan Yates, W3FRN; Chip Morgan, N3IW; Gene Warner, AD3E; Walt Bilous, K3DQB; Stan Hoffman, K3FOB; Jonathan Bilous, KB3MOF; and Paul White, K3UWY.

Our Chapter membership continues to grow with our effort to contact all eligible amateurs in the county. Three new members are show in the group photograph.

**Ray Shaub, W3AXC, Secretary/Treasurer**



**Vice President Ron Fox, K9AKH, presenting the scholarship check to Patrick Weeks, KB9ULT.**



**Chapter 162 gathered to discuss "Field Days" of the past.**



Group photo. Left to right in the front row. Charles Arnold, W3PRG; Carey Green, K3IIB; Bob Hager, K3HOX; Bill Barefoot, W3UQJ. In the rear rows left to right. Larry Fettrow, W3LSV; Tim Barefoot, AA3BJ; Ray Shaub, W3AXC; Bob Riese, K3DJC; Tim Burk, WA3KYD; Steve Steffen, WB3EFH; Stan Yates, W3FRN; Chip Morgan, N3IW; Gene Warner, AD3E; Walt Bilous, K3DQB; Stan Hoffman, K3FOB; Jonathan Bilous, KB3MOF; and Paul White, K3UWY.

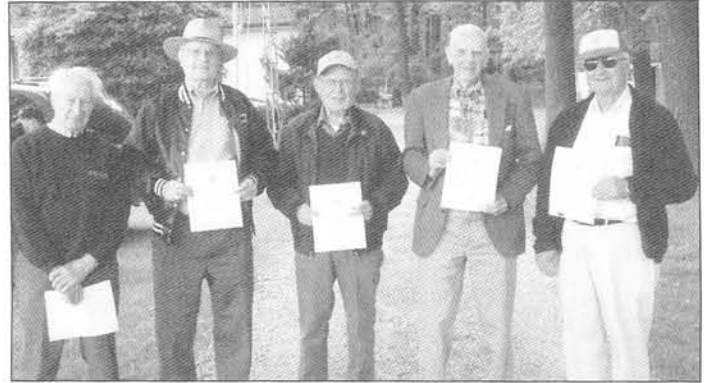


Chip Morgan, N3IW, receiving his Presidential Award from Ray Shaub, W3AXC.

## **Chapter 166, Colonial (PA)**

The QCWA Chapter 166 annual picnic was held Saturday, May 19th, at the hilltop estate of Woody Sbei, W3TTW, with 12 members and guests attending. The food was organized by the XYs present and much enjoyable rag-chewing ensued. The business portion of the event was the presentation of service awards to several of the members. Given that some of these awards were long neglected, several members received multiple Awards. Gardner Pearson, W3IM, took the record with four awards for 50, 55, 60, and 65 years as an Amateur Radio licensee.

**George Gadbois, W3FEY, Assistant Secretary**



Left to right: Woody Sbei, W3TTW; Paul Bohlander, W3VVS; John Chromy, K3CNI; Gardner Pearson, W3IM; and George Gadbois, W3FEY.

## **Chapter 169, Sacramento Valley (CA)**

Chapter 169 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Carrows Restaurant located at 2800 J Street in downtown Sacramento, CA. The facility is west of the Interstate 90 Freeway and has plenty of free adjacent parking.

This month's meeting presentations were:

- Video on ham radio computer control
- Video on a DX-pedition to Howland Island, AH1A
- Video on UFOs
- Video of address given at the Dayton Hamfest by Riley Hollingsworth of the FCC

In June we lost an old long time member, Hal Schmidt, K6ENQ. Rest in Peace Hal.

In June our Chapter founder and President of 18 years, Paul Wolf, W6RLP, passed the President's baton to Jim Jolly, W6RWI. Thanks, Paul, for all your work in promoting our Chapter and QCWA.

We gather at 8:30 AM for a no host breakfast and our meetings start at 9:30 AM. We try to finish by 10:30 AM. YLs are always welcome. For further information, please contact our Secretary, Gary Stillwell, K16T, at (916) 961-6659.

**Gary Stilwell, K16T, Secretary/Treasurer**

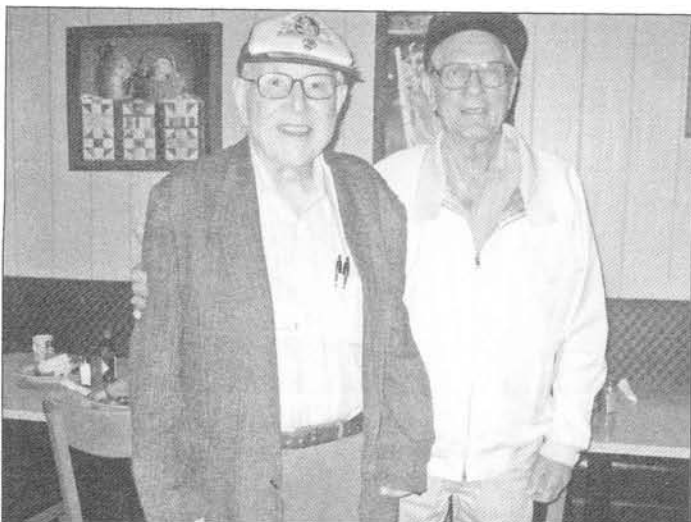
## **Chapter 188, Lost River (OR)**

At the regular June monthly meeting of QCWA Lost River Chapter 188 several certificates were awarded:

50 year: Charles Lomas, N3AAV; Doris Huvar, W6GBF; Carolyn Brooks, AB7ET. 55 year: Charles Lomas, N3AAV. 65 year: Erwin (Tom) Brooks, NV7N; Don Nichols, W7IEO. Century: Erwin (Tom) Brooks, NV7N; Doris Huvar, W6GBF. Continuous: Hollis Kiger, W7UFM.

Attending that meeting were: Joe Revoir, KA7FUL; Wayne Milburn, W7UK; John Klein, WA7VNS; Hollis Kiger, W7UFM, and wife Lois; Phil Rand, W7BW, and wife Judy;





Paul Wolf (L), W6RLP, retiring President and Jim Jolly (R), W6REI, incoming President. Paul was Chapter founder and served eighteen years as President.



New Chapter President Jim Jolly, W6RWI (L), with new member Dale Lingenfelter (R), KF6MD.



Dan Langford (L), WA6VPJ, audio-video technician, with Vice President, Bill Easton (R), W6UYD.

Tom Brooks, NV7N, and wife Carolyn, AB7ET; Dick Suber, K7DDI and wife Ivy, KB7EKB; Don Quick, K7TDX and wife Judy; Don Nichols, W7IEO and wife Simone; Charley Lomas, N3AAV and wife Beverly; Donna Baker, wife of Robert Baker, W7STV.

We meet at Sam's Restaurant on Washburn Way, here in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the third Thursday each month at 11:30 AM. Each member is called by phone or reminded by email the day before each meeting. This does seem to keep up the attendance, and we welcome any guests.

We regret to report the death of Alice Milburn, wife of one of our faithful members, Wayne Milburn W7UJK. The Milburns have attended nearly every meeting since we chartered in November 1993. We will all miss Alice's welcome smile and the tiny bouquets she usually brought to meetings.

**Carolyn, AB7ET, President**



Back row left to right: Hollis Kiger, W7UFM; Charley Lomas, N3AAV. Front row: Carolyn Brooks, AB7ET; Tom Brooks, NV7N; and Don Nichols W7IEO.

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|-----------|--------|------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|--------|
| 4/2/2007  | 33912  | WARNER, GENE           | AD3E   | YORK              | PA    | -                 | -      |
| 4/2/2007  | 33913  | SCHNEIDER, DAVID L     | N8ERL  | SAGINAW           | MI    | DUANE VASOLD      | K8CCE  |
| 4/2/2007  | 33914  | RAINE, MARTIN          | VE6TS  | EDMONTON          | AB    | KEN OELKE         | VE6AFO |
| 4/2/2007  | 33915  | PAYNE, TIM             | N6DRA  | APEX              | NC    | -                 | -      |
| 4/2/2007  | 33916  | DEVEREAUX, JOHN PAUL   | WA3SMA | STATE COLLEGE     | PA    | ELLWOOD BREM      | K3YV   |
| 4/2/2007  | 33917  | ANTHONY, MICHAEL       | WB2IIR | BRICK             | NJ    | BERNARD RICCIARDI | WB2EJT |
| 4/2/2007  | 33918  | HUGHES, EDWIN          | KG4W   | GLEN ALLEN        | VA    | -                 | -      |
| 4/3/2007  | 33919  | MC MANIGLE, JAMES E    | KH6VO  | BOLIVAR           | MO    | GARY HARRISON     | K0BC   |
| 4/3/2007  | 33920  | JOHNSON, WILLIAM GLENN | N4HHH  | BUIES CREEK       | NC    | JACK EMERSON      | W4TJE  |
| 4/3/2007  | 33921  | YOST, RICHARD C        | WA7RR  | TEMPE             | AZ    | -                 | -      |
| 4/4/2007  | 33922  | SEREIKAS, GEORGE A     | K2WO   | ORLANDO           | FL    | AL LA PETER       | W2AS   |
| 4/5/2007  | 33923  | BOWER, RONALD K        | AC2C   | ELLCOTT CITY      | MD    | -                 | -      |
| 4/5/2007  | 33924  | RASKIN, LARRY          | WB3DAJ | WOODBINE          | MD    | JOHN B JOHNSTON   | W3BE   |
| 4/5/2007  | 33925  | KRUBA, KEVIN P, SR     | K3EM   | BALTIMORE         | MD    | JOHN B JOHNSTON   | W3BE   |
| 4/6/2007  | 33926  | MOON, DAVID            | N2RGU  | BALDWINVILLE      | NY    | W W THOMPSON      | W2MTA  |
| 4/6/2007  | 33927  | PARSONS, JERRY L       | WB6EJL | CHINO HILLS       | CA    | DAN VIOLETTE      | K16X   |
| 4/6/2007  | 33928  | ANDERSON, ALBIN R      | W9YBH  | LISLE             | IL    | RONALD R YOKES    | W9BCK  |
| 4/6/2007  | 33929  | PATTERSON, JAMES       | N4CE   | STONEVILLE        | NC    | -                 | -      |
| 4/6/2007  | 33930  | HANWAY, JOHN R         | K8GNZ  | STANFIELD         | NC    | DAVID MAYS        | W8UI   |
| 4/6/2007  | 33931  | MORAN, DAVID M         | W0PYP  | BOULDER           | CO    | DAVID MAYS        | W8UI   |
| 4/6/2007  | 33932  | WEBB, MARTIN C         | KR4VS  | BUSHNELL          | FL    | DAVID MAYS        | W8UI   |
| 4/9/2007  | 33933  | HART, JON R            | WB2RTA | QUEENSBURY        | NY    | -                 | -      |
| 4/9/2007  | 33934  | PARK, DON              | W7DEP  | SALT LAKE CITY    | UT    | ALLAN GAYNOR      | W6IST  |
| 4/9/2007  | 33935  | SHELBY, ROBERT W       | W7FPY  | SPRINGFIELD       | OR    | CAROLYN HOWELLS   | WA7SVV |
| 4/9/2007  | 33936  | SULKOWSKI, MICHAEL D   | KA2GVY | NORTH TONAWANDA   | NY    | RON GILSON        | WA2WWK |
| 4/10/2007 | 33937  | PARKER, JAN D          | WA0LST | KEARNEY           | NE    | -                 | -      |
| 4/10/2007 | 33938  | OSTROWSKI, RICHARD J   | N2NA   | SMITHFIELD        | ME    | MARTIN W RIGOULOT | K1PIG  |
| 4/10/2007 | 33939  | MILLER, C DAVID        | K7ALR  | POWELL            | WY    | TIM BACHMEIER     | AB7BJ  |
| 4/10/2007 | 33940  | MEYER, ROBERT C, JR    | W0LAW  | MARSHALL          | MN    | BALDY BALDWIN     | W0OFO  |
| 4/11/2007 | 33941  | FLYNN, JOHN T          | N1AM   | MASHPEE           | MA    | -                 | -      |
| 4/11/2007 | 33942  | DI TULLIO, DONALD E    | N1LU   | TUFTONBORO        | NH    | -                 | -      |
| 4/11/2007 | 33943  | STEINMETZ, JACK L      | N0GI   | EDEN PRAIRIE      | MN    | TOM STEELE        | AA0HQ  |
| 4/12/2007 | 33944  | CHALMERS, JOHN         | WD9G00 | AUBURN            | IN    | -                 | -      |
| 4/13/2007 | 33945  | WISEMAN, ROBERT        | WB3W   | SCHNECKSVILLE     | PA    | -                 | -      |
| 4/16/2007 | 33946  | SCOTT, JOHN M          | WA1ZIZ | NEVADA CITY       | CA    | -                 | -      |
| 4/16/2007 | 33947  | SIMMONS, BRUCE WRIGHT  | KA5LLJ | FRANKLINTON       | LA    | SKIP AMIS         | N5CFM  |
| 4/16/2007 | 33948  | SHAW, DEAN C           | K70AE  | LARAMIE           | WY    | -                 | -      |
| 4/16/2007 | 33949  | KELLEY, RICHARD L      | N4BKX  | MABANK            | TX    | -                 | -      |
| 4/16/2007 | 33950  | MC CORMICK, EDWARD C   | WB4MAK | ALPHARETTA        | GA    | -                 | -      |
| 4/16/2007 | 33951  | JONES, HARRY P         | KC9KTX | ST CHARLES        | IL    | DALE SVETANOFF    | WA9ENA |
| 4/17/2007 | 33952  | CONNOLLY, LOUISE MARIE | K14LNN | ROYAL PALM BEACH  | FL    | HUBERT C CONNOLLY | AG4HC  |
| 4/17/2007 | 33953  | CURRAN, JAMES D        | KB4ET  | DE FUNIAK SPRINGS | FL    | -                 | -      |
| 4/17/2007 | 33954  | PLICHTA, THOMAS E      | K90HI  | CHARLESTON        | SC    | -                 | -      |
| 4/18/2007 | 33955  | PARTRIDGE, ROBERT T    | K2QBZ  | THE VILLAGES      | FL    | JOHN FLEMING      | W3GQJ  |
| 4/19/2007 | 33956  | BOLTZ, RONALD L        | K3TZJ  | YORK              | PA    | RAY SHAUB         | W3AXC  |
| 4/20/2007 | 33957  | WHITTEN, RICHARD E     | W40AHQ | ST PETERS         | MO    | -                 | -      |
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| 4/23/2007 | 33960  | FORD, PERCY E          | KA1JPR | LADY LAKE         | FL    | -                 | -      |
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| 4/23/2007 | 33962  | ECKSTROM, VANCE L      | KC0YH  | LINDSBORG         | KS    | ALVIN WIECHMAN    | W0ME   |
| 4/24/2007 | 33963  | FISH, ROBBY L          | W8ROB  | ST CLAIRSVILLE    | OH    | NORMAN R RUSSELL  | W8GBH  |
| 4/24/2007 | 33964  | TROSTLE, JAMES M       | WA3IBO | WARRIORS MARK     | PA    | ELLWOOD BREM      | K3YV   |
| 4/27/2007 | 33965  | GIRAND, DAN            | W5ARB  | ROSWELL           | NM    | -                 | -      |
| 4/27/2007 | 33966  | MUGMON, MARC           | N13V   | ELKRIDGE          | MD    | JOHN LITTLEJOHN   | W9NET  |
| 4/27/2007 | 33967  | LIBERTELL, PAT         | KA5PAT | LOS LUNAS         | NM    | TOM GLAZE         | K4SUS  |
| 4/30/2007 | 33968  | DUFFAN, DAVID          | WB3DRV | YORK              | PA    | RAY SHAUB         | W3AXC  |
| 4/30/2007 | 33969  | COHENOUR, JAMES A      | W3JAC  | MOUNT UNION       | PA    | E MERLE GLUNT     | W30KN  |
| 4/30/2007 | 33970  | KOLAR, CHARLES F       | N0DCR  | RAYNESFORD        | MT    | -                 | -      |
| 4/30/2007 | 33971  | PRINCE, JACK           | WY6B   | REEDLEY           | CA    | -                 | -      |
| 5/1/2007  | 33972  | SIMILA, PHILLIP O      | WD9HBX | GREEN BAY         | WI    | RON YOKES         | W9BCK  |
| 5/1/2007  | 33973  | BENNETT, CHARLES S     | KD5ZD  | ARLINGTON         | TX    | VICTOR TED MARTIN | KF5LO  |
| 5/1/2007  | 33974  | BENZING, EUGENE A      | WB0HD  | SHAWNEE           | KS    | -                 | -      |
| 5/1/2007  | 33975  | KAISER, KEITH D        | WA0TJT | KANSAS CITY       | MO    | GARY HARRISON     | K0BC   |
| 5/7/2007  | 33976  | TULLY, WILLIAM P       | W2MTG  | SYRACUSE          | NY    | JACK ROUBIE       | K2JDD  |
| 5/7/2007  | 33977  | HILINS, JAMES          | KA4UPW | SUSSEX            | WI    | -                 | -      |
| 5/9/2007  | 33978  | OELP, JAN PIETER F L   | PA3CLQ | NETHERLANDS       | -     | AMNON BAR-GIORO   | 4X1DF  |
| 5/11/2007 | 33979  | NOWICKI, GERALD J      | KG8N   | ALPENA            | MI    | JOHN TALBOYS      | N8OR   |
| 5/11/2007 | 33980  | ALEXA, RICHARD G       | N8DMJ  | TUSTIN            | MI    | DOUG ALMQUIST     | WB8VOF |
| 5/11/2007 | 33981  | BROWN, ROBERT R        | KD7US  | CORNELIUS         | OR    | -                 | -      |
| 5/14/2007 | 33982  | TITUS, RICHARD O       | W3CXJ  | TIMONIUM          | MD    | -                 | -      |
| 5/15/2007 | 33983  | CALLEWAERT, BEVERLY J  | WD8PFC | HERSEY            | MI    | GEORGE ROUMAN     | W8OWN  |
| 5/15/2007 | 33984  | ANLAGE, BERNARD D, III | N6EIV  | JACKSONVILLE      | FL    | WILLIAM JACOBS    | K5WTA  |
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| 5/31/2007 | 34023  | BAILEY, MARK            | KD4D   | HUNTINGTOWN      | MD    | DAYTON              | -      |
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| 5/31/2007 | 34025  | MC DOUGAL, MARK T       | K4YN   | HOHENWALD        | TN    | LEROY BALDWIN       | W0OIFY |
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| 5/31/2007 | 34033  | WHITE, PAUL             | K3UWY  | YORK             | PA    | WILLIAM MORGAN      | N3IW   |
| 6/1/2007  | 34034  | GRANICY, DAVE           | K7NBO  | NORTH BEND       | OR    | RON OLIVER          | W7VU   |
| 6/1/2007  | 34035  | IRELAND, JOHN A         | AD7EV  | MYRTLE POINT     | OR    | RON OLIVER          | W7VU   |
| 6/1/2007  | 34036  | CARDINAL, JAMES G       | A13K   | PHILADELPHIA     | PA    | -                   | -      |
| 6/4/2007  | 34037  | BERGLUND, JOHN E        | K0UBA  | ST PAUL          | MN    | LEROY BALDWIN       | W0OIFY |
| 6/4/2007  | 34038  | LORD, WILLIAM D         | W9DV   | RHINELANDER      | WI    | -                   | -      |
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| 6/6/2007  | 34040  | WATKINS, WILLIAM        | KA9QMM | KENOSHA          | WI    | -                   | -      |
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| 6/11/2007 | 34044  | SYKES, STEPHAN          | KD20M  | ROCHESTER        | NY    | KEN SIMPSON         | W8EK   |
| 6/11/2007 | 34045  | BEEMAN, PAUL F          | W2PB   | E ISLIP          | NY    | W THOMPSON          | W2MTA  |
| 6/11/2007 | 34046  | FARLER, JOHN W          | K4AVX  | VIPER            | KY    | MATT TINKER         | AA8P   |
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| 6/22/2007 | 34060  | WILCOX, DONALD A        | VE1CAF | DARTMOUTH        | NS    | DOUG LEACH          | VE3XK  |
| 6/25/2007 | 34061  | HENRY, WILLIAM E        | W8QP   | MORGANTOWN       | WV    | DAVID L MAYES       | W8UI   |
| 6/29/2007 | 34062  | BOONE, BARNEY J         | KJ5AE  | TROPHY CLUB      | TX    | VICTOR TED MARTIN   | KF5LO  |

## Chapter 196, Edison Chapter (FL)

Senior QCWA Chapter 196 member Hugh Pulliam, W4SEM, was presented with a distinguished honor for his 75 years of amateur service. Hugh's 90th birthday was celebrated at our last luncheon. The honorable presentation was performed by QCWA President, John Johnston, W3BE, in the presence of VE3CT, Croft Taylor, and a host of Chapter members. Talk about the cream of the crop!

Hugh has been licensed so long that it took a supreme effort to accurately document his year of first licensing. With all available help from Headquarters and a reference to other hams cross-checked by call signs and dates that were verifiable, Hugh was not denied his honor. There was no call book then. No FCC. What were you doing in 1932? Hugh was on the air!

Since our last report, Chapter 196 has recruited 3 new members. Please welcome Phyllisan West, KA4FZI; Don Kilpatrick, W9LBY; and Bill Amore, AE4QH. These latest additions to our membership continue to solidify the elite status of the QCWA.

**Tad Burik, K3QC, President**



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## Chapter 201, Boise (ID)

The regular monthly meeting of QCWA Gem State Chapter 201, Boise, Idaho, was held on April 24, 2007 at the local I-Hop Restaurant. Thirteen members and guests were present. After dinners were ordered, Vice President, Jack Hotchkiss, W7CNL, presented QCWA Golden Anniversary Certificates to the following members: Bill Smith, W7GHT, 70 years; Al Wickstrom, W7GCL, 70 years; Jim Hall, W4TVI, 55 years; Jack Hotchkiss, W7CNL, 50 years and Ray Holmes, W7DOH, 50 years; (not present). In addition,



*Left to Right: Bill Smith, W7GHT; Al Wickstrom, W7CNL; Jim Hall, W4TVI; and Jack Hotchkiss, W7CNL, with their Golden Anniversary Certificates.*

at our May meeting, we will award a 60-Year Certificate to Ken Hastings, W7NPO.

After dinner, Don Clower, KA7T, gave a talk on current band conditions. We are at or near the sunspot minimum but Don observed there is still a lot of opportunity for good DX, especially on the lower frequency bands. Grey line, sporadic E, and other forms of propagation, offer many possibilities particularly early in the morning and the afternoon. Everyone left the meeting with renewed enthusiasm for DX possibilities.

Chapter President, Rex Green, W7DMV, and Vice President, Jack Hotchkiss, had a QCWA booth at the Boise Valley Hamfest on April 28. They were able to generate good publicity for QCWA and recruit several perspective members for our local Chapter. We are looking forward to our annual picnic in August and more fun/interesting meetings this Fall.

Anyone wishing to join the Chapter, please give President Rex Green, K7DMV, or Vice President, Jack Hotchkiss, W7CNL, a call.

**Frank Shaw, NU0F**

## Chapter 205, Eastern Indiana (IN)

Our Chapter members have been very busy this year. An EchoLink station was placed in service at the Richmond Municipal Building in early spring that is sponsored by the local police department. The system has been very popular and has allowed members on vacation to check in while several thousand miles away.

Herb McAdams, N9XC, our Chapter founder, stepped down as Chapter President having served since 1998. Herb said it was time to allow younger members to run, and the gavel was passed on to Mike Chambers, W1IDX. Herb was recognized in a surprise roasting at our May meeting. Herb has been called Mr. Amateur Radio for all



*Herb McAdams, N9XC, our Chapter founder.*

that he has accomplished in promoting amateur radio in our area and for his service and good will to the public. He can always be counted upon as a friend.

Leon Jobe Sr., WD8B0, became the Chapter Secretary and is working hard to promote the Chapter and obtain new members. Leon is the local club Amateur of the Year and well deserved, as he is always there to help a ham.

A special recognition goes to Horace "Smitty" Smith, W9PDD, who travels the furthest to our meetings and never misses a meeting. Smitty has been licensed since 1952 and is a great Elmer to all of us!

Our meeting time was changed to 11:00 A.M. to allow more members to attend and the location was moved to J's Restaurant. Attendance has increased at the meetings and new members are being recruited vigorously. This has allowed our Chapter to grow and the future looks bright for the Chapter. Our Monday night local two-meter net continues and new call signs are heard constantly joining in.

The Dayton Hamvention was well attended by Chapter members in that the event is only thirty-five miles away. Much new gear was carted home from Dayton.

Field Day was held at our local park and was another success. Our QCWA members were on hand to erect antennas and adjust equipment and schedules were set. The Whitewater Valley ARC, which all of our Chapter members belong to, had another successful annual picnic and sponsors the yearly Field Day event.

## **Chapter 213, Fresno (CA)**

Our Chapter now has 39 members. We have our monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday at Noon at Carrow's Restaurant, 4480 N. Blackstone in Fresno. Attendance at the meetings ranges between 20 and 25 members and guests. Our members participated in Field Day with the Fresno Amateur Radio Club and the Mountain Amateur Radio Club.

Our SK member Ralph, W6JPU, has a brick in the Diamond Terrace at ARRL HQ, as does our Sec/Treas Charles, W6DPD. Several of our members participated in Field Day with the Fresno Amateur Radio Club.

***Charles McConnell, W6DPD, Secretary/ Treasurer***

## **Chapter 220, Coos Bay (OR)**

On June 30th we held our first meeting since receiving our Charter as Southern Oregon Coast Chapter 220. In attendance were five of our seven Charter members, KC7FHX, W7VU, W7WAF, W7WAT, and AI7M. K7NBO and AD7EV were unable to attend due to previous commitments. Also, new member Carl, WA6JOW, who we signed up at Field Day, could not make it.

We adopted our Constitution and set future meeting dates. We will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month, 9 am at the Minute Cafe in Old Town Bandon. Talk-in will be on 146.610(-) no pl, for visitors looking for information. Any changes to the meeting schedule will be posted on our web site at <http://www.geocities.com/qcwa220/>

At the next meeting we will set our goals (other than having a good time).

We invite all QCWA members on the Southern Oregon Coast, and inland to join us. Email me for more information at [w7vu@arrl.net](mailto:w7vu@arrl.net).

***Ron Oliver, W7VU, Secretary***

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## Arizona Amateur Radio Club of Phoenix

*A Journalistic History of The Life and Times in Amateur Radio of George Hart, W1NJM*  
by George Hart, W1NJM

CWA was not devoted entirely to CW, as many of our rivals supposed, but all members were good CW operators, most in the "expert" category. This did not mean, of course, that we were all good contest operators. In my own case, I disliked the pressures of contest operating. Among the so-called experts I was pretty far down the line as a contester; and the way we operated Field Day it was primarily a contest, winning was paramount. We managed to beat the South Lyme group once we got the "octopus" working, but our members wanted more and bigger things. We used my call, W1NJM, for the first few Field Days, but in 1954, I believe it was, I was scheduled for an extensive affiliated club field trip which would put me in Arizona during that weekend. The Arizona Amateur Radio Club of Phoenix, before whom I would speak on the Friday night before the FD weekend, invited me to attend their Field Day exercise on Saturday and Sunday. I accepted with mixed emotions, to wit: (1) I did not relish the idea of being stranded in a strange city during a weekend when I traditionally attended Field Day; (2) I hated the idea of not being with my own group, as its leader, during FD weekend, but was unable to get out of the scheduled trip; (3) I was skeptical about attending FD with a bunch of strangers, even though they promised the best in hospitality; (4) I had nothing else to do because my next meeting was not until Monday, in Tucson. I was greeted cordially in Phoenix on Friday, given a tour of the city, taken out for dinner, then to the special club meeting that had been arranged to hear my talk; about 20 hams were present, a mediocre turnout for a club with a membership of about 50. Surprisingly, to me, Field Day was not a principal subject of the short business meeting which preceded my talk, and no one mentioned to me any arrangements for transporting me to the site. During the short bull session following the meeting one of the members told me he had been delegated to take me to the FD site the following day, the site being near the peak of Mingus Mountain, about 90 miles north of Phoenix, near Prescott. No one mentioned anything about personal supplies I should bring with me and I assumed (mistakenly, as it turned out) that I would be provided with food, a place to sleep (although I seldom slept on FD), and any other necessities.

The ham who was to provide my transportation (I've completely forgotten his name or call) arrived at my hotel at 8 a.m. in his rundown pickup with his wife and two children, loaded down with camping supplies and I climbed aboard, wearing what I thought was appropriate clothing for the occasion. The temperature was over 100 degrees and the pickup was of course not air-conditioned. It was a hot ride. The kids sat in back, in the truck bed, we three adults in the cab. Several comfort stops were needed for the kids and to cool the overheated

truck and it was early afternoon when we arrived at the site, about the 7000-foot level of the mountain, up several miles of very dusty dirt roads. I had hoped it would be cooler up there, but it was 92. I had been told that temperatures in the mid-90's and low 100's were customary at that time of year, but "the air is very dry and you don't mind it." I minded it. I was carrying too much blubber and even with the low humidity I sweated profusely.

I knew from the outset that this was not going to be the type of Field Day to which I was accustomed. Everybody brought his family, pitched tents, prepared to build campfires for warmth and cooking. Warmth? It was over 90 degrees on the mountain and reports were that the temperature in Phoenix had reached 113; but I was told that it got "quite cool" at night. I assumed that "quite cool" to these people meant 70 degrees or so. The erection of antennas and setting up of equipment proceeded in a leisurely fashion. Very little planning was evident. Kids cavorted around the area, women sat and gossiped and fanned themselves. The trees were all conifers, tall and sturdy, good antenna supports, but they provided little shade. I watched and occasionally lent a hand, but was for the most part ignored.

That is, until Joe Grahm, W7AH, took me in hand. Joe had been the contributing DX editor of QST. I had never met him, but we established an immediate rapport and he told me I was to operate his station in his tent, along with himself and a couple of others, so I pitched in and helped them get set up. At one point in the proceedings he pulled me aside and said I should follow him to his car where he had a treat in store. I expected a shot of booze of some kind, but he produced a thermos of ice water, which tasted better than any booze could have. He said he had a good supply of it tucked away, which turned out to be good planning, for there was no water at the site. I don't remember any alcoholic drinking at the site during Saturday and Sunday.

When suppertime arrived most of the operators abandoned their positions to go have supper with their families. I was left operating Joe's transmitter. After a while a man about my own age stopped in and introduced himself as Walter Stiles and asked if I had brought any food with me. When I replied in the negative he invited me to come have supper with him and his family in their tent. I gladly accepted. I knew of Walter Stiles as the first winner of the Paley Award, given annually by CBS to an amateur who provided outstanding public service. I don't remember his W7 call, but he had been from Coudersport, Pa., and his call then had been W8DPY. His award had been for services rendered at Renovo, Pa., during the northeast flood of 1936. I was at W8YA during this emergency period and we at W8YA were very skeptical of the extent of his alleged heroism. Coudersport was the hometown of my wife Louise, and they

*"...as I walked through the air conditioned lobby in my bedraggled, unshaven condition, went to my room and collapsed on the bed. But it was too hot in the room. I turned on the air conditioner, stripped off my filthy clothes and lowered myself into a tub of cool water. Completely relaxed, I fell asleep and almost drowned myself.*

knew each other. Everybody in Coudersport knew each other. Louise didn't think much of him either. But at this FD I found him a most congenial host and was grateful for his consideration. His wife was a Navajo Indian, a most gracious lady, who invited me to take all my meals with them during the FD period. As I recall, they had two well-behaved little kids.

After dark, toward midnight, the temperature dropped into the low 40's. I did a lot of operating inside Joe's tent but I wasn't dressed for those temperatures and had to seek warmth from time to time at one of the many fires that were kept going. Most of the operating positions were shut down after midnight, but we kept the W7AH installation in Joe's tent going most of the time. It was a low-key operation, however, with no thought or intent on winning. I got no sleep at all, not unusual, but a little more difficult because of unusually difficult creature discomforts.

When the sun came up on Sunday morning the temperature rose rapidly into the 90's again. From too hot to too cold and back again was a bit much, and by noontime I was feeling the effects. Then suddenly, in the middle of a contact, the power went off. I stepped outside to locate the difficulty and discovered that the generator had been turned off and everybody was busily packing up for departure. When I got back to the tent I found Joe and his crew carting the gear into their cars and getting ready to tear down the tent, coil up the antennas, etc. I protested loudly that FD was not over until 5 p.m., but I was either ignored or laughed at. The Arizona Amateur Radio Club's Field Day was over. Resignedly, I sought out my transportation and we started the long, dusty trip back to Phoenix. It was made mostly in silence, the kids drowsing in back, the wife nodding beside me. I was completely exhausted and very hot. When we arrived in Phoenix I was dropped at my hotel amidst unenthusiastic goodbyes, received many curious glances as I walked through the air conditioned lobby in my bedraggled, unshaven condition, went to my room and collapsed on the bed. But it was too hot in the room. I turned on the air conditioner, stripped off my filthy clothes and lowered myself into a tub of cool water. Completely relaxed, I fell asleep and almost drowned myself.. It was the end of a very interesting, but exhausting, weekend.

I found out a few days later that CWA had at last won its

class using the call W1BDI. I never heard them at W7AH. My joy at the CWA achievement was limited by the realization that this was the first CWA FD at which I was not the chairman and the first time we had won our class. Some of the members kidded me about this, suggested I absent myself from future FD's so they would have a better chance. At least I thought they were kidding.

Speaking of calls; I believe the 1949 through 1953 CWA FD's used W1NJM. In 1954 they used W1BDI, selected because it was the well-known call of F. E. Handy, the ARRL Communications manager. It must have worked, because we won our class that year. After that we used W1TX, the call of Roy Fosberg, for its brevity. When John Doremus came on the scene he conducted a study showing how much time we were losing by using a call with so many "dashes" and suggested we acquire a club call selected for its most "dots." It appears he had an "in" with someone at FCC who could assign us any call that was vacant in the first call area. At a subsequent meeting he gave us a list of the calls available for club assignment, one of which was W1EIA. The dashes in W and 1 were unavoidable, but the number of "bauds" in TX were three more than in EIA. Over a period of 24 hours these three bauds could mount up to a considerable amount of time, and he produced figures to show how much more time, given an average speed, it took to send TX than EIA. Most of the other members had so much respect for John that they bought the concept and voted we apply for W1EIA as our club call. I thought it carried the concept of "winning" too far and was wholly ridiculous. I agreed that a club call was a logical concept but thought we should apply in the normal way, without using personal influence, and accept the call FCC gave us. John said that everything about the application would be normal, but W1EIA would be the call assigned "out of the FCC hat." My attitude was good-naturedly scorned. "You're against everything," one member said, clapping me on the back.

So W1EIA it was. I think we used that call just twice on FD. It seems that the time gained by using it on CW was more than lost by the necessity for repeating it because EIA was harder to copy through QRM and QRN than TX; and on phone "easy item able" took longer to say and was less understandable than "Tommy X-ray." So the club decided to go back to W1TX, although the official club call continued to be W1EIA. I contended that W1EIA was our club call and we should dam well use it for club on-the-air functions, especially Field Day; but the call was never used again on Field Day or any other club activity until I started using it for my high speed code practice. More about that later.

Club Field Day was a principal ham radio activity for me. Of the 64 ARRL-sponsored FD's to date (May 2001) I have attended at least 55 of them. The only ones I know for sure I missed are the first one in 1933 when we (Ed and I) didn't know about it, the '38 FD when I was working on my master's thesis at Penn State, and the first one after WWII ('46) when I was still in Germany in the Army. I may have missed a few others in the thirties and forties, but from 1947 on I have participated, to a greater or lesser extent, every year. The years of highest intensity were those with CWA, from 1949 until some time in the 80's. During the 50's, 60's and 70's especially my participation was at its highest level, consisting of days and hours of planning. My brother Ed started coming up to be with us, because he was as skilled a CW operator as any of us, better

than some, a highly skilled technical man and we were his kind of hams. He also contributed much technical skill and was eventually elected an honorary member of the club. He traveled from his homes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New Mexico and Florida to be with us on FD weekends, usually arriving on Thursday before FD weekend and staying until the following Monday. I remember one year, think it was 1953, when he arrived Thursday, we loaded our cars with gear and went up to Dennis Hill, spent Thursday evening crawling around the lodge trying to repair its defective electrical wiring, getting only two or three hours sleep. On Friday, a few of the CWA gang started arriving and tentative preparations were made, with bull sessions (and some drinking, although Ed never drank) all night long. On Saturday the rest of the gang arrived and setting up began in earnest so that at 5 p.m. operation started with a vengeance. No sleep Saturday night either. On Sunday we operated feverishly until the last tick at 5 p.m., then tearing down and loading commenced for departure. While this was going on, Joe Moskey (our annual chef, and an assistant) would be preparing the FD "victory" (whether we won or not) banquet. Not until well after dark on Sunday, after the cleanup,

would cars start leaving the site, and Ed and I would not arrive at my house until nearly midnight, utterly exhausted, and tumble into our beds. Two or three hours sleep on Thursday, none on Friday, none on Saturday, with several periods of intense physical activity, how did we stand it? We were no spring chickens. In 1953, I was 40, Ed was 44. I guess the answer is intense enthusiasm and drive.

One year when we arrived at Dennis Hill to set up we found that a girl guide had been assigned to tell visitors about the history of the lodge and the park in general. She was young and quite attractive and caused a flurry of excitement among the younger of our people - John Undholm and John Cann in particular. She was also quite friendly, which didn't help the concentration of the group. She said she went off duty at 5, but she was urged to stay on and seemed willing to do so - until her boy friend showed up. He was a bronzed giant well over 6 feet tall, very personable and friendly, but once he put in an appearance with the avowed intention of spiriting her off, there was no doubt about the outcome. We older members found much humor in the glum faces of the two Johns and several other participating youngsters when Sue, obviously

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happy at the outcome, waved us a gay goodbye. We never saw her again, and this was the only time we encountered a guide on the Hill.

One practice I found very distasteful, again a minority of one, was that of invited guests at our Field Day for the purpose of utilizing their expert contest skill. I did not object to guests as such, but inviting outside talent solely for the purpose of bettering our score ran against the grain for me. No one else seemed to share my feeling about this, but I thought we should swim or sink on our own talent. It was just another case of being outvoted and kidded about being a maverick, which I accepted in good grace until it became such a fetish that it soured me.

We held our FD's at Dennis Hill for about 15 years, from 1951 through 1965, except for that one-year at Haystack. Finally, the Commission decided to refurbish the lodge and open the park to visitors 24 hours a day and we were told we could no longer use it on the semi-exclusive basis as before. The outside walls of the lodge and glass-enclosed side addition were removed, the rotting wooden floor replaced by flat stones embedded in concrete. It became an entirely open patio with a roof but no other protection against the elements. Instead of a historic lodge the place became a picnic area with limited facilities. Although we were not forbidden to use it for FD, we would have to share it with the general public and any other group activity that cropped up. This was unacceptable. We decided to look elsewhere.

During the next few years we held our FD's at grange halls, fire houses and American Legion halls in various places throughout the state, all with the avowed intention to run up the highest score possible, using our best operators plus invited experts to man the equipment, the less-proficient members to provide food, transportation and technical expertise. My memories of this period are somewhat vague, but I seem to recall a Grange Hall in Robertsville, a firehouse in Colebrook and an American Legion Hall in West Goshen. None of these facilities was ideal, although adequate, and nearly all required a donation of money (not called rent) for the use of the facilities. I don't recall any time when our Field Day was entirely in the "field," although in a few cases we did have a tent as a supplementary operating position. There are a lot of stories to tell about some of these adventures, but I'll save them for possible appendices. I don't want this account to become too heavy overloaded with Field Day lore. Also, I apologize for lack of specifics in much of this account I am rushing through it in generalizations in hopes of finishing it before I myself am finished. If time and energy permit, I will add some details in the form of appendices.

To conclude the Field Day saga, eventually Dick Smith, W1FTX, got permission for us to use the facilities of the New Hartford Fire Department. This consisted of a brand new building housing fire trucks and equipment plus a hall with a kitchen, dining facilities and rest rooms, located in a relatively isolated area. The building was surrounded by an expanse of lawn, tall trees and served by a dead end paved road. Dick had persuaded the authorities that ours was a public service activity and we had full use of the facilities for the weekend, rent free, only provided we do not obstruct firefighting activities that might occur. The place was ideal in all aspects but one - the commercial power to the building had to remain on during the weekend. This would seem to eliminate the very important

multiplier to our score awarded only when no commercial electricity was utilized at the FD site, a simulation of true emergency conditions. The requirement did not seem to be impossible but would require us to furnish our own lighting and refrain at all times from clicking on the lights anywhere in the building, or using a kitchen refrigerator or anything else in the building running on commercial electricity. There also arose debate on the legitimacy of using the rest rooms which had flush toilets using electric pumps for water, or even taking advantage of certain of the firehouse lights which must be left on at all times. We could not turn off all the commercial electricity as we had on Dennis Hill and most of the other FD locations we had used.

It was eventually decided that as long as we conscientiously tried to observe the no-commercial-power rule we could still claim the multiplier and be forgiven the few mistakes made by forgetting and clicking a light switch or flushing a toilet. Sad to say, all too often we used commercial electricity deliberately during the many FD weekends we spent at the New Hartford facility. I tried hard to control this but was always laughed at. Several times I tried to pass a motion that we not claim a multiplier we did not deserve but was considered a purist. Perhaps I was just that, and being scorned for that and other non-conformist attitudes was one of the things that eventually soured me on the club. However, I never "ratted" to the ARRL Rules Committee. I stated my opinions vociferously but always went along with the majority, of which I was hardly ever a part.

***In the next installment, George finishes his stories of Field Day in Connecticut and discusses the "27-hour rule"***

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## **"GEEKS" A Chapterized Book About Growing Up As a Kid Ham in "da Big Apple"**

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### **Discovering the Opposite Sex**

In this chapter we will talk about the biggest distraction that a young radio amateur can face. That of discovering the opposite sex and — at least from the male perspective — trying to figure out why your dreams of a 70-foot high tower with stacked monoband yagi's suddenly are replaced by those of gliding across the dance floor with Mary. Or maybe it's a vision of playing in the summer surf with Joan, Marilyn or Julie. No matter whom it is to be with, for all of us -- male and female -- there comes a point in our teens when we suddenly see the opposite sex in a totally different light. And it even happens to young hams.

### **The BRATS Versus the Call of Nature**

In an earlier chapter, I mentioned a short-lived radio club called the BRATS. It was an acronym for the Brooklyn Radio Amateur Teenage Society and was a fitting gathering spot for those of us who had ignored puberty to follow the lure of 6 meter RF.

It was Charlie who took me to my first of three monthly meetings of the BRATS. The gathering was held in Johnny P's back yard. John was still a ham radio operator back then.

I was not even a ham when I attended my first BRATS meeting, but I soon became friends with close to three dozen others of my age who were obvious soul mates.

We all seemed to have several things in common. We liked radio. We liked building things and taking things apart. We had little money and we were all - by our own choice we acknowledge and accept what the rest of the world had already concluded. We were the castaways of teenage society. Oh yes -we had yet to discover girls!

All we knew about girls was that they seemed to be different than boys. They dressed differently. They didn't play sports much. They liked toy dolls. None seemed interested in building and taking things apart, and only a very few were hams. Maybe we felt safe from ridicule by avoiding them.

Try as we did, though, the call of nature can't be avoided forever. The first inkling I had that things were changing was at the second BRATS meeting. One of the guys got up to tell us that he had not made the previous week's T-Hunt, because he was at the beach with his girl friend!?!

"What's a girl-friend," was the big question from the assembled innocents. He answered by pulling out his wallet and passing around a black and white photo of himself in the sand with this obviously blonde female creature clad only in a black swimsuit. He said her name was "Sandy" or "Mandy" or something like that, and that they were "going steady." He also said that he doubted he would be able to attend many more BRATS meetings because Sandy or Mandy was not interested in ham radio.

A few weeks later he showed up with his first love to show her off to his ham radio buddies. I was home, sick,

so I could not attend. But something must have happened as a result of their appearance. Something must have clicked in that pubescent group of geeky hams who had ignored their own puberty. I say this because that was the last BRATS meeting ever held. And by the time September rolled around, each of us had been to the beach, at least once, with one of those dreaded non-ham female creatures. And you know what? They were not so bad to be with after all.

## Miss Very Special - This Ham's First True Love

We have all had a "first true love." You know: That special person who comes into your life and you instantly know that anyone before meant nothing. This time it's for real. This is the one person whom you want to spend the rest of your days with.

For this story lets just call the lady "Miss Very Special" because she was that to me. If she ever winds up reading this narrative, she will know it's about us. If not -- no need to let the world know the name of a person who might not want her identity spread across time, space and possibly even cyberspace.

I met Miss Very Special almost 40 years ago. I was fixing TV sets in Brooklyn. Her parents had called my boss. I got sent over to see what had gone south in their RCA.

Miss Very Special was there in the livingroom with her mom, dad and other siblings — but only she had my eye. This blue-eyed blonde lady had a glow that I had never seen — or more accurately — 'felt' — from any other girl I had dated. At least to that time in my life.

Even though I was almost ten years her senior I would be dishonest if I did not admit that I fell madly in love with her the moment I saw her. Not because of her looks — though she was (and probably still is) a very pretty lady. It was this "glow" — this "love of life" — that I find it very hard to explain — as the reason I fell for her. It was not very long before I found the feelings to be mutual.

Anyhow, after fixing her dad's "one-eyed monster" I asked her if she had a steady boy friend. Not at the time — was her answer. So, in front of her parents I asked her out on a date the following Saturday evening. They seemed to approve.

Miss Very Special had a part-time job - after school and

on Saturdays. So I picked her up after she finished and we had our first real date. This was just around Thanksgiving of 1969 — and the next six months were the most joyous that my life had been to that time.

Miss Very Special and I became very special to one another. She was always there for me. She accepted me for what I was — right down to the odd looking basket ball hoop — a.k.a. — Saturn 6 halo on the rear bumper of my car and Polycomm 6 under the dashboard. She was even thinking about getting her ham ticket. But most important, Miss Very Special made my life feel warm and wonderful.

And then I broke it off.

Why you ask? To this day I am not all that certain. I do know that I loved her and that she loved me. The kind of love you get when you are the best of friends before anything else. An intense love that one cannot really put into words.

The big difference was that she was looking to settle down — get married — and start a family. At least that is what she kept hinting at.

Me? I had the wanderlust infection. I was not ready to be tied down. I had recently learned to fly and wanted to spread my wings like an Eagle before becoming a husband and daddy. I got really scared that if I continued the relationship that my personal goals would be dashed. So, one evening I took Miss Very Special for a walk and told her — very bluntly — that we were through.

Was I wrong to do this? Yes. At least my 'bull in the china shop approach' to saying goodbye was very wrong. It was the worst way to break off a relationship, albeit I did not see it that way at the time. One does not have the wisdom in his twenties that comes later in life.

And to this day I ask the question of would I have been happy the rest of my life if I had changed my plans mid-stream and asked Miss Very Special to join with me till death do we part? Probably very happy. The glow that surrounded this lady was something I still cannot put into words. And for a long time I wondered if our paths would once again cross and if we would — or could — pick up the relationship from the point just before I broke it off.

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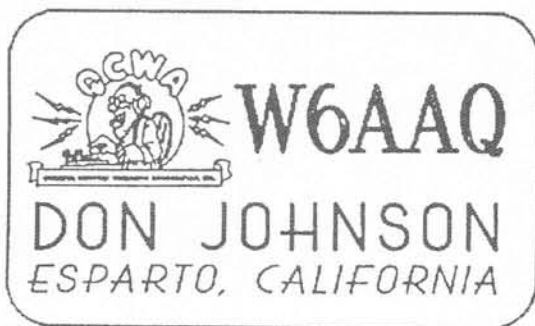


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But life is strange. It did not happen that way. Instead, I foolishly traded Miss Very Special for a set of wings and the chance to follow the West Wind. I soon found that this is a cold wind and one that can make a man feel very much alone. Not a good thing.

And by now Miss Very Special should be naught but a fading memory. But she isn't. She is very much alive in my mind's eye just like your "Miss Very Special" or "Mr. Very Special" is likely alive to you.

In essence, she is exactly what the title I have chosen for her is. A very special person who touched my life and in doing so became a part of it forever.

And if by chance she ever gets to read this: "Miss Very Special — I am sorry that I made you cry."

Turn Around Is Fair Play.

After I broke up with "Miss Very Special" I took to dating a wonderful gal from the Sheepshead Bay area of Brooklyn. In short order, I realized that I was really mad about her. I kept telling myself: "...maybe now is the time to settle down before this one gets away." In fact, I was beginning to save my pennies to buy an engagement ring and trying to figure out the best time and place to ask her to marry me.

Then one evening, as we were leaving old Chuck's Composite eatery in "da City," she up and tells me (paraphrased): "...I think its best we not see one another again."

I was in shock. I asked what I had done to make her react as she did? Her response (paraphrased) was: "...nothing really."

She did not elaborate.

I never saw "the lady from Sheepshead Bay" again and my heart was truly ripped to shreds. At least it was for a while. Then others came into my life. There was "the actress" and then "the dancer" followed by "the artist." So I put that relationship in the back of my mind and went on.

I eventually married a wonderful lady from Valley Stream, New York. That was back in 1971 and I had not really thought about "the lady from Sheepshead Bay" in years. That is until tonight as I write this chapter and finally realize that the old adage "turn around is fair

*"And to this day I ask the question of would I have been happy the rest of my life if I had changed my plans mid-stream and asked Miss Very Special to join with me till death do we part? Probably very happy. The glow that surrounded this lady was something I still cannot put into words."*

play" really does exist in life. What I did to "Miss Very Special" is exactly what "the lady from Sheepshead Bay" did to me. And somehow — after crying a bit — I had survived.

And as the memories of "the lady from Sheepshead Bay" again fade away from front and center, I do hope that her life was — and is — as happy as has been mine.

**To be continued...**



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I will keep QCWA Headquarters advised of changes in my address and/or call sign. My first Amateur  
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